

GUIDEBOOK TO LIVING AND TRAVELING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM



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The material provided in this Guidebook has been compiled to assist American citizens residing or traveling in the United Kingdom on a variety of administrative and personal matters. If you can't find the information you need, please take a look at the rest of our website (<http://london.usembassy.gov/>); send us an email at SCSLondon@state.gov; or call the Special Consular Services unit at 011-44-20-7499-9000 from the United States or 020-7499-9000 within the United Kingdom. Please note that the U.S. Consulates General in Edinburgh (<http://london.usembassy.gov/scotland/index.htm>) and Belfast (<http://london.usembassy.gov/nireland/index.html>) provide services to Americans in Scotland and Northern Ireland, respectively.

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ACCOMMODATION IN LONDON

The following list is provided as a convenience to American citizens requiring accommodation in London. Inclusion on the list does not constitute a recommendation by the Embassy.

Additional advice is available from **Visit London, 6th Floor, 2 More London River Flat, London SE1 2RR, Tel: 020-7234-5800**. Alternatively, you may wish to contact the **British Hotel Reservation Centre** – freephone telephone number **0800-282-888**.

O’Callaghan’s Hotel - 205 Earls Court Road, London SW5, Tel: 020-7370-3000. £10.00 per night for stays of one week or longer; daily stays are £15 per night. Dormitory-style accommodation (four people sharing, maximum 10 people). Showers, clean linen, kitchen, breakfast, and free tea and coffee all day. Nearest tube: Earl’s Court.

Holland House YHA, Holland Walk, Kensington, London W8, Tel: 0870-770-5866. £21.00 (over 18). £18.75 (under 18) per night, inclusive of breakfast. There is a restaurant on site that serves dinner only for £5.10 (three courses). Dormitory-style accommodation, men and women separated. Nearest tube: Holland Park or High Street Kensington.

City of London Youth Hostel, Carter Lane, London EC4, Tel: 0870-770-5764. Price varies according to type of accommodation required. Dormitory £15-24 with breakfast, £32 for single rooms. There is a restaurant on site. Nearest tube: St. Paul’s on Central Line.

St. Pancras Youth Hostel, 79-81 Euston Road, London NW1 2QS, Tel: 0870-770-6044. £24.60 per night for dormitory-style room, inclusive of breakfast. Situated directly opposite the new British Library. Nearest tube: Euston or St. Pancras.

Center Francais – 61/69 Chepstow Place, London W2, Tel: 020-7221-8134. £26 per night for a single room or £15 for dormitory-style accommodation. Prices include a continental breakfast. Nearest tube: Notting Hill Gate.

The London Hostels Association - 54 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1PG, Tel: 020-7834-1545. This is the central office for numerous hostels located throughout central London. Daily and weekly rates available.

European Hotel – 11 Argyle Square, London WC1, Tel: 020-727-834-08. Basic double rooms from £50.00, singles from £40.00 per night, inclusive of breakfast. Nearest tube: Kings Cross.

Central Hotel – 16-18 Argyle Street, London WC1, Tel: 44-0207-837-9008. Double rooms from £65, price varies by type, inclusive of breakfast. Nearest tube: Kings Cross.

Lincoln House Hotel – 33 Gloucester Place, Marble Arch, London W1H 3PD, Tel: 020-7486-7630. Single rooms from £30 including full English breakfast. Nearest tube: Marble Arch.

Redland House Hotel – 52 Kendal Street, Hyde Park, London, W2, Tel: 020-7723-7118. Single rooms from £44.00, doubles from £56.00. Price includes full English breakfast. Nearest tube: Marble Arch or Edgware Road.

Sass House Hotel – 10-11 Craven Terrace, London W2, Tel: 020-7262-2325. Double rooms only at £50.00 per night based on two people sharing. Price includes breakfast. Price varies from season to season. Nearest tube: Paddington or Lancaster Gate.

International Students House – 229 Great Portland Street, Regent's Park, London W1, Tel: 020-7631-8310. Twin rooms from £25.00, single rooms from £33.00, dormitory rooms from £12.00. Continental breakfast included except for dormitory rooms. Nearest tube: Great Portland Street or Regent's Park.

Wansbeck Garden Hotel – 4-6 Bedford Place, London, WC1, Tel: 020-7636-6232. Single rooms from £50.00, dormitory rooms from £22.00. Breakfast included. Nearest tube: Russell Square or Holborn.

For accommodation located in and around the *Gatwick and Heathrow airport areas*, call or visit the *Travel Care* help desks located within the airports. Gatwick: 012-9350-3317, Heathrow: 020-8745-7495.

Hotels Close to Gatwick Airport:

The Turrets Guest House- 48 Massetts Rd., Tel: 012-9378-2490. Single £39, double £54, triple £69 family £75. Includes breakfast and transfers to and from airport. Total rooms: 11

Cornerhouse Hotel - 72 Massetts Rd., Tel: 012-9378-4 574. Single £42, double £63, family £71. Includes breakfast and transfers to and from airport. Total rooms: 31

Belmont Guesthouse - 46 Massetts Rd., Tel: 012-9382-0500. Single from £45, doubles from £65. Includes breakfast and transfers to and from airport. Total rooms: 18

Hotels Close to Heathrow Airport:

Civic Guest House Hotel - 87-93 Lampton Rd., Tel: 020-8572-5107. Single £45, double £58, family £75. Includes breakfast, three minute walk from Heathrow tube. Total rooms: 28

Thistle Hotel at Heathrow Airport, Tel: 0871-360-2218. Rates vary. Breakfast not included. Total rooms: 314

Shalimar Hotel – 215 Staines Rd., Tel: 020-8577-7070. Single £50, double £60, family £90. Includes breakfast. Total rooms: 42

Heathrow Lodge, 556 Old Bath Road, Longford, Heathrow, Middlesex, Tel: 017-5368-6970. Basic (not en-suite) single £40, double £50, family £85. Breakfast £3.50 per person, transfers to and from airport. Total rooms: 67

Hotels Close to Stansted Airport:

Bushel and Sack Hotel - Chelmsford Rd, Tel: 44 0870-042-9292. Single £55, double £75, family £95. Breakfast £5.95 pp, transfers £5 pp. Total rooms: 17

Churchgate Hotel - Churchgate St., Tel: 012-7942-0246. Single £57, double £114, family £114. Includes breakfast, transfers to and from airport. Total rooms: 85

Hilton London Stansted - Tel: 012-7968-0800. Room rates vary. Transfers £2 per person. Total rooms: 139

North Hall Farm Guest House - Northhall Rd, Tel: 017-9954-3429. Single £45, double £60, triple £70, family £80. Includes breakfast and transfer to the airport. Total rooms: 19

To find a cheap hostel anywhere in the United Kingdom, you may wish to visit www.hostelbookers.com

ADVICE AND DAY CENTERS FOR THE HOMELESS

Shelter

Best resource for housing advice and shelter locations for England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. Call the free, 24-hour help line or check the website for information about emergency housing.

Tel: 0808-800-4444

Web: www.shelter.org.uk

Crisis

Offers programs and services for homeless individuals and has a comprehensive list of shelters, hostels, and day centers in London and the rest of the United Kingdom.

Crisis

66 Commercial Street, London E1 6LT

Tel: 084-4251-0111

Fax: 084-42510-110

Web: www.crisis.org.uk

Connection at St. Martins

Day center for young people and adults. Services include advice, counseling, shower, laundry facilities, inexpensive food, work-training programs, help finding permanent housing, and a night center available by referral only. Open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekends.

Young People's Day Center: 12 Adelaide Street, London, WC2

Adult Day Center: 5 St Martin's Place, London, WC2N 4JJ

Tel: 020-7766-5544

Web: <http://www.connection-at-stmartins.org.uk/>

Passage Day Centre

Largest voluntary sector day center for homeless adults in London, offering food, showers, and laundry facilities. Also operates an emergency night shelter and services to help homeless individuals transition to independent living. Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday, and 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Rough sleepers drop-in sessions only from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and main drop-in sessions from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

St. Vincent's Centre, Carlisle Place, London SW1

Tel: 020-7592-1850

Web: www.passage.org.uk

Holy Cross Centre

Runs drop-in services, including a meal service, advice and referrals, and fully staffed social center.

The Crypt, Holy Cross Church Cromer Street, London WC1H 8JU

Tel: 020-7278-8687

Fax: 020-7278-8567

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http://london.usembassy.gov/cons_new/acs/scs/Guidebook_SCS.pdf

Web: www.hcct.org.uk

St. Mungos

Operates hostels, semi-independent housing, and counseling services at locations throughout London.

Main office: Griffin House, 2nd Floor, 161 Hammersmith Road, London, W6 8BS

Tel: 020-8762-5500

Fax: 020-8600-3079

Web: www.mungos.org

ADVICE AND COUNSELING AGENCIES

This list of information and advice centers is available for people who find themselves needing practical assistance. For further information, contact the district Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB), Department of Social Services, local telephone directory, local library, or local police stations in the area in which you reside.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Local offices are run by trained volunteers who provide free, independent, and confidential advice for debt, benefits, housing, legal, discrimination, employment, immigration, consumer, and other problems.

National center for England and Wales: 020-7833-2181

Find your local office in the phonebook or www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Common questions are also answered at www.adviceguide.org.uk

SAMARITANS

This organization provides confidential emotional support 24 hours a day for those struggling with feelings of despair or distress. Services are available over the phone, in person at one of many local branches, and via email.

Main Helpline: 0845-790-9090

Central London: 020-7734-2800

Text phone (deaf callers only): 020-8780-2521

Email: jo@samaritans.org

Web: www.samaritans.org

CRUSE

The leading charity in the United Kingdom specializing in bereavement. Branches throughout the United Kingdom provide support and advice for those dealing with the loss of a loved one.

Main Helpline: 0844-477-9400

Young Person's Helpline: 0808-808-1677

Email: helpline@cruse.org.uk

Web: www.crusebereavementcare.org.uk

LONDON BEREAVEMENT NETWORK

Information and support for members of the public who are bereaved and the professionals who support them. Also provides a comprehensive list of bereavement services in the London area.

Tel: 020-7700-8134

Fax: 020-7247-1209

Web: www.bereavement.org.uk

CHILD DEATH HELPLINE

Professionals and parents working to provide a listening service offering emotional support to all those affected by the death of a child. Helpline open 365 days a year.

Daily 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Monday – Friday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Wednesday 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Tel: 0800-282-986
Web: www.childdeathhelpline.org.uk

SUPPORT AFTER MURDER AND MANSLAUGHTER (SAMM)

Provides emotional support to those bereaved through murder and manslaughter and works to raise awareness about the effects of such crimes.

Tel: 020-7735-3838
Web: www.samm.org.uk

SCHIZOPHRENIA A NATIONAL EMERGENCY (SANE)

One of the United Kingdom's leading charities concerned with improving the lives of everyone affected by mental illness. The organization operates SANELINE, offering support, information, crisis care, and general advice from 6pm – 11pm every day of the year.

Mental Health Helpline (SANELINE) – 0845-767-8000
Web: <http://www.sane.org.uk>

AGE CONCERN

An organization that focuses on working with and for older people. Offers support, products, and services for those over 50 related to community care, health, income and benefits, housing, and consumer issues.

Age Concern information line: 0800-009-966
National Headquarters:
Age Concern England, Astral House, 1268 London Road, London SW16 4ER
Tel: 020-8765-7200, Fax: 020-8765-7211
Web: <http://www.ageconcern.org.uk/>

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Network of support to help alcoholics confront and overcome their drinking problems.

National: 0845-769-7555
London: 020-7833-0022
Web: www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk
General Service office:
A.A General Service Office
P O Box 1, Stonebow House, Stonebow, York YO1 7NJ Tel: 019-0464-4026

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS

Resources and support for individuals affected by someone else's drinking problem

Al-Anon Family Groups UK & Eire
61 Great Dover Street, London, SE1 4YF
Tel: 020-7403-0888
Fax: 020-7378-9910
Web: www.al-anonuk.org.uk

WOMEN'S ALCOHOL CENTRE

A service for women concerned about their drinking habits. The centre offers information leaflets in response to phone or mail requests.

66a Drayton Park, Highbury, London N5 1ND

Tel: 020-7278-8214

Fax: 020-7354-8134

ALCOHOL ADVISORY SERVICE

309 Grays Inn Road, Kings Cross, London WC1X 8PQ Tel: 020-7530-5900

TURNING POINT

A social care organization that provides services for individuals affected by drug and alcohol misuse, mental health and learning disability.

Standon House, 21 Mansell Street London E1 8AA

Tel: 020-7481-7600

Web: www.turning-point.co.uk

SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army has a huge network of social services and resources, including counseling and emergency care. Also operates shelters and day centers around the United Kingdom.

Headquarters: 2nd Floor, 33/35 Kings Exchange

Tileyard Road London N7 9AH

Phone: 020-7619-6100

Fax: 020-7619-6111

Web: www.salvationarmy.org.uk

VICTIMS SUPPORT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

A support group offering help and assistance to victims of crime. Call or visit the website to find a local office.

National office:

Cranmer House, 39 Brixton Road, London SW9 6DZ,

Tel: 020-7735-9166

Fax: 020-7582-5712

Victim Supportline: 0845-303-0900

Web: www.victimsupport.org.uk

VICTIMS VOICE LEGAL HELPLINE

P.O. Box 110, Chippenham, SN14 7QB

Tel: 013-2883-0135

Email: victimsvoice@hotmail.com

RAPE & SEXUAL ABUSE SUPPORT CENTRE

Helpline: 019-6284-8024 (for women)

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http://london.usembassy.gov/cons_new/acs/scs/Guidebook_SCS.pdf

Helpline: 019-6284-8027 (for men)
Office: 019-6284-8018
Web: www.rasasc.org.uk

RIGHTS OF WOMEN (ROW)

Free legal advice for women by women over the phone and information pamphlets available online.

Phone: 020-7251-6577
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday 12pm – 2pm.
Web: www.rightsofwomen.org.uk

WOMEN AGAINST RAPE (WAR)

Offers counseling, support, legal advocacy, and information to women and girls who have been raped or sexually assaulted.

Crossroads Women's Centre, 230a Kentish Town Rd, London NW5 2AB
Tel: 020-7482-2496
Fax: 020-7209-4761
Web: www.womenagainstrape.net

WOMEN'S THERAPY CENTRE

Provides advice and information about mental health as well as individual and group psychotherapy for those suffering from mental illness.

10 Manor Gardens, London N7 6JS
Phone for appointments: 020-7263-6200
Monday and Thursday 12 noon – 2 p.m.
Tuesday and Wednesday 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
General inquiries: 020-7263-7860
Web: www.womenstherapycentre.co.uk

REFUGE/WOMEN'S AID

Advice and safe houses for women and children experiencing domestic violence.

24-hour national crisis line: 0808-200-0247
Web: www.refuge.org.uk or www.womensaid.org.uk

WOMEN'S HEALTH LONDON and WOMEN'S HEALTH CONCERN

A national voluntary organization that provides services relating to women's health issues.

52 Featherstone Street London EC1Y 8RT
Helpline for Women's Health London: 0845-123-2319
Women's Health Concern: 020 7451 1377
Web: www.womenshealthlondon.org.uk and <http://www.womens-health-concern.org/>

WOMEN IN PRISON

Provides assistance and advice for women in prison and advocates for the release of non-violent offenders. Assists with welfare, housing, and education for women in prison and helps with their successful readjustment upon release.

3b Aberdeen Studios, 22 Highbury Grove, London N5 2EA

Telephone: 020-7226-5879

Fax: 020-7354-8005

Web: <http://www.womeninprison.org.uk/>

CANCER BACUP

Organization provides a cancer information service with confidential, accurate, and up-to-date information about any aspect of cancer.

3 Bath Place, Rivington Street London EC2A 3JR

Phone: 020-7696-9003

Fax: 020-7696-9002

UK freephone helpline: 0808-800-1234

Web: www.cancerbacup.org.uk

NATIONAL AIDS AND SEXUAL HEALTH HELPLINE

A 24- hour, free and confidential telephone service with advice about HIV/AIDS, sexual health, STDs, local services, clinics. and support services.

Free phone: 0800-567-123

Web: <http://www.avert.org/ukhelplines.htm>

ARREST OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN ABROAD

While in a foreign country, a U.S. citizen is subject to that country's laws and regulations, which sometimes differ significantly from those in the United States and may not afford the same protections available to the individual under U.S. law. Persons violating the law in a foreign country, even unknowingly, may be expelled, fined, arrested, or imprisoned. If arrested abroad, a citizen must go through the foreign legal process for being charged or indicted, prosecuted, and possibly convicted and sentenced.

More than 2,500 Americans are arrested abroad annually. More than 30% of these arrests are drug-related, and more than 70% of these drug-related arrests involve marijuana or cocaine.

Each country is sovereign and its laws apply to everyone who enters regardless of nationality. The U.S. Government cannot get Americans released from foreign jails. However, a U.S. Consul will insist on prompt access to an arrested American, provide a list of attorneys (see Solicitors/Law Firms on page 79), provide information on the host country's legal system, offer to contact the arrested American's family or friends, visit on a regular basis, protest mistreatment, monitor jail conditions, provide dietary supplements if needed, and keep the Department of State informed.

The Office of Overseas Citizens Services (OCS) at the Department of State in Washington, D.C., is the point of contact for family members in the United States who are concerned about an American citizen family member who has been arrested abroad. You can reach OCS by calling 1-888-407-4747. Family members in England or Wales concerned about an American arrested in those areas can contact the U.S. Embassy in London at 020-7499-9000.

CHILDREN'S ISSUES

International Parental Child Abduction

The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction came into force between the United States and the United Kingdom on July 1, 1988. For in-depth information on the workings of the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, visit the Department of State's [International Parental Child Abduction Page](#).

What to do if your child has been abducted:

From the United States to the United Kingdom: If your child has been abducted from the United States to the United Kingdom, you should file an application with the U.S. Central Authority at: [Application For Assistance Under the Hague Convention on Child Abduction](#) (in PDF format). For guidance and instructions on completing the application form, refer to the U.S. Central Authority's [International Parental Child Abduction Booklet](#).

From the United Kingdom to the United States: If your child has been abducted from the United Kingdom to the United States, you should file an application with the UK Central Authority application at: <http://www.officialsolicitor.gov.uk/os/icacu.htm>

Child Custody Solicitors: The Embassy maintains a list of solicitors who specialize in international child custody issues; for more information, see page 76 for a list of Child Custody Solicitors.

Preventing Child Abduction

If you are a resident of the United Kingdom and fear that your U.S. citizen child might be taken abroad by the other parent without your consent, the child's name can be entered into the U.S. passport name check system. Then, if an application for a passport for your child is received, you will be informed before issuance of the passport.

When there is an order from a court of competent jurisdiction prohibiting the removal of a child from the jurisdiction of the court and/or the requesting party without prior consent, and the order is provided to the American Citizen Services Section of the U.S. Embassy in London, an application for a U.S. passport may be denied.

Requests for entry of a child's name in the passport name check system, and, if relevant, court orders should be sent to:

American Citizen Services
U.S. Embassy
24 Grosvenor Square
London W1A 2LQ
Phone: 020-7499-9000
Fax: 020-7495-5012

Other Resources

- The Department of State's [International Parental Child Abduction](#) website.
- Reunite International: www.reunite.org

- UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Child Abduction Section:
<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/travelling-and-living-overseas/things-go-wrong/child-abduction>
- National Center For Missing and Exploited Children: www.missingkids.com

Intercountry Adoptions

U.S. Adoption Procedures: The Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption came into force for the United States on April 1, 2008. For in-depth information on intercountry adoptions, both those started before and after implementation of the Hague Convention in the United States, visit the Department of State's [Hague Convention Intercountry Adoption Page](#).

UK Adoption Procedures: The Department for Education and Skills (DFES) is responsible for adoption policy, domestic and intercountry, in the United Kingdom. For in-depth information on British adoption regulations, visit the DFES [Intercountry Adoption Page](#).

Child Support Enforcement

The United States and the United Kingdom concluded a bilateral agreement on child support enforcement on December 17, 2007. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement (<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cse/international/index.html>) is the U.S. Central Authority for this agreement.

The following information briefly explains the steps parents should take to request enforcement of child support orders when the absent parent is in the other country. More information is available on the Department of State's website at http://travel.state.gov/family/services/support/support_2615.html

Applications made in the United States for support from a parent in the United Kingdom: Applications should be made to your local Child Support Enforcement Office (IV-D Agency) at your local Department of Human Services. It is the responsibility of the Child Support Enforcement office to forward the application to the UK Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Section (REMO) located within the Department for Constitutional Affairs at the following address: Department For Constitutional Affairs, REMO Section, Selborne House (4th Floor), 56-60 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6QW; tel: 0845-345-5303; website: <http://www.dca.gov.uk/family/remo/contents.htm>; email: remo@dca.gsi.gov.uk. The REMO Section will forward the application to the nearest English or Welsh County Court where the absent parent resides and will endeavor to enforce it.

Applications made in England and Wales for support from a parent in the United States: Applications should be made to the Justices' Clerk of your local Magistrate's Court. The Justices' Clerk is required to forward the application to the REMO Section at the Department for Constitutional Affairs as explained above. It is the responsibility of the REMO Section to forward the application to the Child Support Enforcement Office (IV-D Agency) in the particular U.S. state where the absent parent resides. That authority will endeavor to enforce the order.

Child Protection and Neglect Issues

If you wish to discuss a child protection matter, please send an email to:
SCSLondon@state.gov

LETTER OF CONSENT FOR TRAVEL OF A MINOR CHILD

Because of increasing instances of child abduction in custody cases, and a growing number of children who are the victims of trafficking or pornography, an immigration officer, airline, or travel company may ask you to provide some form of letter of consent if your child is traveling internationally with only one parent or with another adult, such as a grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc. The sample letter below is a guide only. You may also wish to have the letter of consent notarized.

To Whom It May Concern:

I/We, _____
(Full Name(s) of Custodial and/or Non-Custodial Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s))

am/are the lawful custodial parent and/or non-custodial parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of:

Child's full name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

U.S. Passport Number: _____

Date and Place of Issuance of U.S. Passport: _____

_____, has my/our consent to travel with:
(Child's Full Name)

Full name of accompanying person: _____

U.S. or foreign passport number: _____

Date and Place of issuance of this passport: _____

to visit _____ during the period of _____.
(Name of Foreign Country) (Dates of Travel: Departure and Return)

During that period, _____ will be residing with
(Child's Name)

_____ at the following address:
(Name of Person Who Child will be Residing With in Foreign Country)

Number/street address and apartment number: _____

City, State/Province, Country: _____

Telephone and fax numbers (work, cell phone and residence) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Signature of Custodial Parent, and/or Non-Custodial Parent or Legal Guardian)

Full Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Signature of Custodial Parent, and/or Non-Custodial Parent or Legal Guardian)

Full Name: _____

Signed before me, _____,
(Full Name of Witness)

this _____ at _____.
(Date) (Name of Location)

Signature: _____

DEATH OF AN AMERICAN ABROAD

Death Overseas

The Special Consular Services Unit (SCS) at the U.S. Embassy in London can assist family and friends in the event of the death of an American citizen in England and Wales. The SCS Unit can act as liaison in arranging the disposition of remains and help with forwarding personal effects. The family or legal representative must pay all funeral home charges, shipping costs for the remains and personal effects (if applicable). The SCS Unit will work with any funeral home selected by the family to ensure proper documentation for shipment of remains to the United States. We maintain a list of four funeral homes that are familiar with international shipping requirements.

Even if no assistance is needed in making funeral arrangements, the death of an American citizen, whether resident or tourist in the United Kingdom, should be reported to the SCS Unit so that a Report of Death of an American Citizen Abroad can be issued. This document is necessary to settle legal and estate matters in the United States. The SCS Unit can issue up to 20 copies of the Report, which is usually sufficient in number to settle matters in the United States. For more information on this document, turn to page 23.

Disposition of Remains

The following general information is provided to assist families in making initial decisions. Indicated costs are **estimates**, based on deaths with no unusual circumstances, and should be considered as guides only. These estimates also relate only to costs incurred in England and Wales (inclusive of shipping). U.S. funeral home costs would be handled separately.

A. Requirement for autopsy (post mortem) in the event of sudden death

Under British law, the coroner must order that an autopsy be conducted when there is reasonable cause to suspect that the deceased died from

- (a) violent or unnatural death; or
- (b) a sudden death of which the cause is unknown; or
- (c) in prison or in such place or in such circumstances as to require a coroner's inquest.

B. Outcomes from the autopsy

There are three possible outcomes of the coroner's autopsy examination:

- (a) The cause of the sudden death is determined to be natural – in which case the coroner's jurisdiction ceases and there is no requirement for further inquiry;
- (b) The cause of the sudden death is determined to be not natural (that is, evidence is found that the death was violent or unnatural), in which case the coroner must proceed to hold an inquest;
- (c) A cause of death is not disclosed (not established), in which case the coroner must hold an inquest.

While the inquest may be held several months after death, the coroner usually will issue the necessary paperwork to allow funeral arrangements to proceed within a few days of the autopsy.

C. Maximum period before interment

British law does not place a time limit within which burial must take place. Remains can be held free of charge at a public mortuary pending receipt of next-of-kin's instructions.

D. Registration of death

Under British law, if the coroner is not investigating a death, then the death must be registered within five days. If the death cannot be registered within five days, the registrar must be informed as soon as possible. In coroner's cases, the death will be automatically registered by the authorities once the inquest has been held.

E. Embalming

There is neither a time limit within which remains must be embalmed, nor a requirement for embalming of remains for export from the United Kingdom or import into the United States.

Next-of-kin are encouraged to consult their receiving funeral home to resolve any doubts about embalming, particularly if relatives wish to view the remains. Next-of-kin should advise the funeral home or the SCS Unit if, for religious or other reasons, the body should not be embalmed.

In cases of HIV/AIDS, or other highly contagious diseases, embalming may not be possible, and should be discussed with the selected funeral home. If embalming does proceed, there may be additional costs for replacement of equipment.

F. Cremation

There is no time limit within which remains must be cremated.

G. Coffins

Coffins/caskets are available that are suitable for cremation, local burial, or international shipment of remains.

H. Exportation of remains from the United Kingdom

(1) Whole Remains: Whole remains must be contained in a zinc-lined, hermetically sealed coffin/casket. To facilitate the export of whole remains from the United Kingdom to the United States, the Embassy prepares a Consular Mortuary Certificate, which provides flight details and consignee, and incorporates the following documents:

- (a) A certified copy of the local death certificate or the coroner's interim certificate when an inquest is pending;
- (b) An affidavit from the funeral director stating that the remains have been properly prepared and packed for shipment;
- (c) An embalming certificate, if appropriate; and
- (d) The coroner's "Out of England" certificate permitting the removal of the remains from the coroner's jurisdiction.

(2) Cremated Remains: Cremated remains may be exported if they are accompanied by a certified copy of the local death certificate, the cremation certificate, and a statement from the crematorium or the funeral home confirming the urn contains only the ashes of the deceased. We recommend that airline passengers carrying cremated remains to the United States declare the nature of the package to UK and U.S. customs. It is also advisable that the urn be wooden to allow security screening at the airport.

I. Cost estimates

Charges shown are based on an exchange rate of \$1.80 = 1 British pound sterling.

I) Local burial - \$7200

Fees include collection and transportation of remains, funeral home charges, administrative fees, cost of private burial plot near London, and a brief service with no mourners present. This can only be an approximate figure, as the cost of burial plots varies immensely and there are often different prices for borough residents and non-residents.

II) Cremation and local disposal of ashes - \$2880

Fees include collection and transportation of remains, doctor's certificates, crematorium fee, administrative fees, brief service with no mourners present, and scattering of ashes.

III) Cremation and air shipment of ashes - \$3420

As (II) above but also includes the collection of the ashes from the crematorium, packaging and forwarding to the consignee by air freight for collection from the airport.

IV) Preparation and shipment of whole remains (excluding airfreight costs) - \$2700

Preparation of remains for shipment, including local collection of remains, embalming, provision and preparation of a lightweight coffin in accordance with established U.S. and international standards for shipment, administration of flight arrangements, preparation of all documentation, notification of consignee and delivery to the airport. The U.S. funeral costs are not included in this estimate.

(V) Sample airfreight charges based on an average of 140 kilos

London to Atlanta	\$1320
London to Chicago	\$1310
London to Denver	\$1535
London to Grand Forks	\$1560
London to Houston	\$1405
London to Los Angeles	\$1550
London to Miami	\$1345
London to New York	\$1175
London to Oklahoma	\$1410
London to Phoenix	\$1540
London to San Francisco	\$1545
London to Seattle	\$1545

J. Exhumation

Applications for exhumation must be made to the British Home Office. Exhumed remains and their original casket/coffin must be contained in an outer casket/coffin for shipment. Exhumations may be carried out only before the opening of the cemetery to the public, i.e. normally at dawn, Monday to Friday. The cemetery charges a fee to open the grave. If the death occurred a long time ago or the deceased died of an infectious disease, the environmental health office would also be in attendance.

K. Remarks

The four funeral homes on the Embassy's list are all based in London. For deaths outside of London, an additional \$2.70 per mile is charged by the London companies to cover travel costs.

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Edmund & Sons
179-185 Stockwell Road
London SW9 9SJ
Phone: 011-44-20-7978-8154
Fax: 011-44-20-978-8156

Kenyon Christopher Henley
83 Westbourne Grove
London W2 4UL
Phone: 011-44-20-7313-6920
Fax: 011-44-20-7313-6999

F.A. Albin & Sons
52 Culling Road
London SE16 2TN
Phone: 011-44-20-8857-0330
Fax: 011-44-20-8857-3004

Rowland Brothers International
299-305 Whitehorse Road
Croydon CR0 2HR
Phone: 011-44-20-8684-1667
Fax: 011-44-20-8684-0355

REPORT OF DEATH OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN ABROAD

The consular "Report of Death of an American Citizen Abroad" is a report that provides the essential facts concerning the death of a U.S. citizen and is based on the British death certificate or the Coroner's Interim Certificate of the Fact of Death. It can generally be used in U.S. courts to help settle estate matters.

To enable the Embassy to prepare this document, next-of-kin or legal representatives should complete the "Request for Information for Preparation of Foreign Service Report of Death" on page 16 and forward it to the SCS Unit along with the deceased's U.S. passport and the British death certificate. The passport will be canceled and returned with the death certificate and up to 20 copies of the Report of Death.

If you have any questions regarding this procedure, please contact the Embassy at 020-7499-9000.

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**AMERICAN CITIZEN SERVICES
24 GROSVENOR SQUARE
LONDON W1A 2LQ**

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FOR PREPARATION OF
FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH**

Please provide the following information about the deceased and return the form to the above address together with the death certificate and the deceased's U.S. passport or naturalization certificate, or other proof of American citizenship. Please write clearly.

PERSONAL DATA

FULL NAME: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

DATE OF DEATH: _____

PLACE OF DEATH: _____

LAST U.S. ADDRESS: _____

LAST UK ADDRESS: _____

NEXT OF KIN: Name: _____ **Relationship:** _____

Address: _____

TRAVELING OR RESIDING WITH RELATIVES OR FRIENDS AS FOLLOWS:

Name: _____ **Relationship:** _____

Address: _____

(please turn over)

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS:

BURIAL: Name & address of cemetery: _____

Grave number: _____

Date of burial: _____

CREMATION: Name & address of crematorium: _____

When & where ashes scattered, interred or held: _____

Date of cremation: _____

EFFECTS (property of the deceased):

CURRENT LOCATION OF EFFECTS: _____

PERSON OR OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR CUSTODY & ACCOUNTING OF EFFECTS:

Name: _____

Address: _____

If the deceased received regular payments from any of the following, please give the claim number and the amount received:

Social Security: _____

Veterans Administration: _____

Civil Service: _____

Railroad Board: _____

THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Signature: _____

Name (printed) _____

Relationship to deceased: _____

Address: _____

Tel No: _____

LOST OR STOLEN PROPERTY

What to do first

All cases of loss or theft should be reported to the police as soon as possible, even if there seems little likelihood that the thieves will be arrested or valuables recovered. A police report is necessary if you will be filing an insurance claim to replace the missing items.

The report must be made in person, preferably to the police station in the area where the loss or theft occurred. Ask for the police reference number, and be sure that you have reported the disappearance of the property accurately as either lost or stolen.

If your U.S. passport is lost or stolen, you must come to the Embassy to apply for a new passport. Usual processing time for a new passport is approximately two weeks; if you have immediate travel plans, you may apply for an emergency passport, which can usually be issued the same day. The Embassy is open for passport services Monday through Friday, 8.30am until 5.00pm. We are closed to the public on American and British holidays. We are not able to issue passports outside of working hours. You do not need an appointment for an emergency passport, though if possible, we encourage you to make one via the online appointment system on our website, <http://london.usembassy.gov>.

An emergency passport will cost \$100, and can usually be issued that same day. You should bring any identification documents you do have, the passport fee, and two identical photographs (2" x 2") with you to the Embassy. If possible, please visit our website, <http://london.usembassy.gov>, for more information about applying for a passport, including a link to the Passport Application Wizard, which allows you to fill out your application online.

We also suggest that you leave a record of your name, permanent address, and a brief description of the lost/stolen items at the Embassy. Money, jewelry, and other valuables are rarely recovered, but identity cards, photos, and empty wallets are occasionally turned in. We do our best to return them to their owners.

Many visitors to London have their pockets picked, purses snatched, or valuables stolen by thieves who frequent rail and underground stations, major shopping streets, restaurants, department stores, and other crowded areas. Thousands of Americans visit the Embassy each year to replace stolen passports. For information on how to reduce your risk, see our information on Precautions Against Theft.

Reporting/Replacing Lost or Stolen Traveler's Checks

American Express: 0800-521-313 (24-hour service)

Citibank: 0800-005-500

Thomas Cook: 0800-622-101 (24-hour service)

Visa: 020-7937-8091 (24-hour service)

MasterCard: 0800-964-767

Reporting Lost/Stolen Credit Cards

American Express: 012-7369-6933

Diners Club: 0800-460-800

MasterCard: 0800-964-767

Visa: 0800-895-082

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Airline Policies on Lost or Stolen Tickets

In general, most airlines will replace lost or stolen paper tickets on the return leg of a round trip. However, the passenger will need to appear in person at the ticket desk at the airport to fill out a form. Most airlines charge a fee of at least \$100 to replace a paper ticket.

American Airlines

020-7365-0777

www.aa.com

British Airways

020-8564-2111

www.britishairways.com

Continental Airlines

084-5607-6760

www.continental.com

Delta

0800-414-767

www.delta.com

Northwest /KLM Airlines

087-0507-4074

<http://www.nwa.com>

United Airlines

084-5847-7777

www.ual.com

Virgin Atlantic

087-0574-7747

www.virgin-atlantic.com

MONEY TRANSFERS THROUGH WESTERN UNION

Western Union operates in the United Kingdom. Money transfers via the Western Union can be collected at any of their agents. The transmission of funds takes approximately 15 minutes. Please see instructions below for people who have no identification.

Please note: To place a collect call (or “reverse the charge” as it is known in the United Kingdom) to the United States, dial 155.

Depositors in the United States

Depositors who have a major credit card with a sufficient limit can phone Western Union at **1-800-325-6000**. Otherwise, the depositor can go to the nearest Western Union office in the United States to deposit cash. Please include the transfer fee, which will be based on the amount being sent. If you have Internet access, you can go to the Western Union website: www.westernunion.com

If the depositor in the United States is sending funds using a credit card, please ask them to request confirmation of their credit card as well as the Money Transfer Control Number which is unique to each transfer. If the depositor does not stay on the line for confirmation of their credit card, the deposit may take up to four hours to reach the United Kingdom.

Recipient in the United Kingdom

If you have had money sent to you, call Western Union’s Freephone at **0800-833-833**. Staff at this number will be able to confirm receipt of funds and provide you with the name and address of the closest Western Union agent. Western Union pick-up points are located throughout London and in every major city in the United Kingdom. There are also pick-up points at most of the major airports.

The Western Union nearest the U.S. Embassy is located at Eurochange, 2 Portman Square, London, W1A 6LA, telephone: 020-7224-1418; opening hours 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

London Airport Locations for Money Collection

Heathrow

American Express:

Terminal 3, first floor Departures.

Terminal 4, first floor Departures

Tel: 020 8759 4221

Opening Hours: Daily from 05:00 - 22:00

Exchange International:

Terminals 1, 2, 3

Adjacent to the Underground exit

Tel: 020 8897 6829

Gatwick

TTT Money Corp:

- **North Terminal:** Check-in, Departures lounge lower and mezzanine levels, and baggage reclaim. Tel: 01293 568 687
- **South Terminal:** Check-in (open 24 hours/day), Trains Exit (open 24 hours/day), Departures lounge upper and lower levels. Tel: 01293 568 689

Stansted

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TTT Money Corp:

Check-in, Departures lounge, baggage reclaim, and Satellite 3.

Tel: 01279 681 220

Everything Stolen? Lacking Identification?

In order to retrieve funds wired to you via Western Union, you must present some form of identification, such as your passport or driver's license. If you do not have any identification, you must obtain a crime report from the police to present to Western Union. You should then appear at the U.S. Embassy to apply for a new passport and obtain a letter stating that the Embassy will be issuing you with a passport. This letter, in conjunction with the police report, should allow you to pick up money from Western Union; *however, this will be at the discretion of the Western Union Agent.*

**Western Union Locations in the Vicinity of the U.S. Embassy
(Others in London/UK can be found on www.westernunion.co.uk)**

<u>THE INTERCHANGE ORGANIZATION</u>	4 MARBLE ARCH LONDON, W1H7AP 020 7723 0007
<u>EXCHANGE INTERNATIONAL</u>	237 OXFORD STREET LONDON, W1D 2LT 020 7437 2689
<u>EXCHANGE INTERNATIONAL</u>	241 OXFORD STREET LONDON, W1R 020 7287 1508
<u>TTT MONEY CORP</u>	291 OXFORD STREET LONDON, W1R 1LB 020 7499 6548
<u>EXCHANGE INTERNATIONAL</u>	BUREAU DE CHANGE 339 OXFORD ST LONDON, W1R 1HB 020 7491 7226
<u>EUROCHANGE</u>	93 OXFORD STREET LONDON LONDON, W1D 2HD 020 7734 2503
<u>EUROCHANGE</u>	42 OXFORD STREET LONDON LONDON, W1D 1BB 020 7580 1452
<u>THE CHANGE GROUP INTERNATIONAL</u>	523 OXFORD STREET LONDON, W1 C2QJ 020 7491 9477

PASSPORT & CITIZENSHIP SERVICES

Embassy London's Passport & Citizenship Unit is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except on British and American holidays. We are not able to issue passports outside of normal working hours. If you need to replace your passport or register the birth abroad of a child to U.S. citizen parent(s), please visit our website, <http://london.usembassy.gov>, for more information about all the services we offer and how to apply.

Renewals: If you have your current or expired (within the past 15 years) passport, and have not changed your name except by marriage or court order, you can most likely apply for your new passport by mail. It will take approximately two weeks from the time of your application to receive your new passport. You will have to send in your current or expired passport with your application. Please see our website, <http://london.usembassy.gov>, for information about how to apply for a passport renewal, including forms and fee information.

Lost/Stolen Passports: If your U.S. passport is lost or stolen, you must come to the Embassy to apply for a new passport. Usual processing time for a new passport is approximately two weeks; if you have immediate travel plans, you may apply for an emergency passport, which can usually be issued the same day. You do not need an appointment for an emergency passport, though if possible, we encourage you to make one via the online appointment system on our website, <http://london.usembassy.gov>. An emergency passport will cost \$100, and can usually be issued that same day. You should bring any identification documents you do have, the passport fee, and two identical photographs (2" x 2") with you to the Embassy.

Dual nationals: Taking another citizenship will not cause you to lose your U.S. citizenship, unless that was your intent when you became the citizen of the other country. Remember, under U.S. law, all U.S. citizens **must** enter and leave the United States on their U.S. passport.

Reports of Birth: The Embassy can register children born abroad to U.S. citizen parent(s) as American citizens by issuing a Consular Report of Birth Abroad. For information about how to apply, or to read about whether or not your child has a claim to U.S. citizenship, please see our website, <http://london.usembassy.gov>.

Extra pages: The Embassy can add extra visa pages to your passport free of charge. For information about how to send in your passport for extra pages by mail, please see our website, <http://london.usembassy.gov>. You may also come in person to the Embassy for this service. Please note that a limit of three sets of extra pages is allowed, after which you must apply for a new passport. Extra pages may **not** be added to emergency passports.

PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPHERS

Provided the photographs meet the specified requirements for American passports as listed above, any photographer may take them. The Embassy cannot recommend any specific photographer, or assume any responsibility for their efficiency, integrity, or reliability. Fees and the service provided are a matter solely between you and photographer selected.

On the next page is a list of some UK photographers who are familiar with U.S. passport photo requirements and have provided acceptable photographs in the past.

Snappy Snaps - branches located throughout the UK

020 8741 7474, www.snappysnaps.co.uk

(Please ensure your local branch is familiar with U.S. passport photo requirements)

England and Wales

Passport Photo Service 449 Oxford Street London W1C 2PS 020 7629 8540 www.passportphoto.co.uk	Gould Pharmacy 37 North Audley Street London W1K 6ZL 020 7495 6298 www.gouldpharmacy.com	Eric Purchase Photography 4 Heritage Court Sadler Street Wells, Somerset BA5 2RR 01749 678017
John Roan Photography 42 Guildhall Road Northampton NN1 1EW 01604 634511 www.johnroanphotography.co.uk	Reflections Photo Centre & Studio 1 Mansbrook House High Street Midsomer Norton Somerset BA3 2HW 01761 416163 www.reflectionsfirst.co.uk	Michael Rich Studios 3 Prospect Lane Frampton Cotterell Bristol BS36 2DR 01454 778816 www.richphotos.com
Richardsons Photographers Albert Square Chester-le-Street Co Durham DH3 3QG 01913 883346 www.richphoto.co.uk	Squib Photography 28 Dark Lane Witney Oxon OX28 6LE 01993 772687 www.squibphotography.co.uk	Raymond Thatcher Studios 18 Queen Street Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 1HZ 01628 625381
Dave Williams Photography 70 Lower Bridge Street Chester CH1 1RU 01244 344164 www.davewilliamsphotography.co.uk	Capture Photography Studio 16 Bank Street Wrexham, North Wales LL11 1AH 01978 311958	Invicta Studio 83 Oxford Street Manchester M1 6EG 01612 364644 ext 2573
The Picture Gallery 105 Park Road Hartlepool TS26 9HR 01429 264900 www.thepicturegallery.co.uk	Quicksilver Photo Ltd 11 Datchet Road Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1QB 01753 621115	Catch-The-Moment 285A Gloucester Road Bishopston Bristol BS7 8NY 01179 232456 www.catch-the-moment.com
Viewlink Ltd 3 Chenies Parade	Studio 11 Unit 11 Benson Road	Abbey Studios Ltd. 17c/d Village Farm

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<p>Little Chalfont Amersham, Bucks HP7 9PH 01494 764756 www.view-link.com</p>	<p>Nuffield Industrial Estate Poole BH17 0GB 01202 330505 www.studio-11.co.uk</p>	<p>Preston, Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR 01285 653069 www.abbey-studios.co.uk</p>
<p>Neville Chadwick Photography Publicity House 59 Long Street Wigston Leicester LE18 2AJ 01162 881568 www.chadwicksphoto.co.uk</p>	<p>The ID Photoshop Unit 18 5 Adelaide Street Charing Cross Underground Shopping Arcade Strand, London WC2 4HZ 020 7508 0004 www.idphotoshop.co.uk</p>	<p>Audley Pharmacy 36 South Audley Street Mayfair, London W1K 2PL 020 7493 6133 Email: AudleyPharmacy@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Photographer's Workshop 21 Cave Street Oxford OX4 1BA 01865 246027 www.photographersworkshop.com</p>	<p>Marshall Fox Photography 195 Swakeleys Road Ickenham, Uxbridge Middlesex UB10 8DW 01895 254 251 www.marshallfoxphoto.co.uk www.marshallfoxphoto.co.uk</p>	

GENERAL PRACTITIONERS (DOCTORS)

This list is provided as a service to the public and does not constitute a recommendation by the U.S. Embassy. The Embassy cannot accept any responsibility for the professional ability or integrity of the persons whose names appear below. Fees are entirely a matter for agreement between the individual and the practitioner. This is not intended to be a complete list. A list of general practitioners in your area can be obtained from your local post office, library, Thompson telephone directory, and by NHS Direct: at 0845-4647. It is important to telephone the doctor's office (surgery) for an appointment.

American citizens are reminded that medical treatment cannot be provided free of charge to visitors to the United Kingdom. Visitors to the United Kingdom do not qualify for treatment under the National Health Service.

Dr. Eric Dan-Goor Hospital of St. John & St. Elizabeth 60 Grove End Road St. John's Wood London NW8 9NH Tel: 020-7806-4000	Dr. Stephen Court 16 Harmont House 20 Harley Street London W1 Tel: 020-7580-5411	Dr. Paul Ettlinger 5 Devonshire Place London W1G 6HL Tel: 020-7935-8666
Dr. Brian Ho 93 Shaftesbury Avenue London W1V Tel: 020-7437-8525	Holborn Medical Services 64-66 Lamb's Conduit Street London WC1N 3NA Tel: 084-4477-1770	Dr. K.E. Kotowski 148 Harley Street London W1 Tel: 020-7935-5814
Dr. Alistair Neal 9 Devonshire Place London W1N Tel: 020-7935-8425	Dr. Robert Henebury Dr. T. Barnwell 2 Crompton Street London W21 ND Tel: 020-7723-1314	Dr. Nicola Langdon 33-35 Praed Street London W2 Tel: 020-7262-1307
Dr. M A H Qureshi (not his home office) 10 Harley Street London W1N 1AA Tel: 020-7467-8437	Dr. M. Harris 23 Temple Fortune Lane London NW11 7TE Tel: 020-8458-4431	Dr. Richard Sacks 82 Sloane Square London SW1X 9PQ Tel: 020-7235-1117
Doctorcall Clinic 79 Harley Street London W1G 8PZ Tel: 020-7291-6666 www.doctorcall.co.uk	The Brompton Cross Clinic 13 Crescent Place London SW3 2EA Tel: 020-7052-0070 (accepts some U.S. health insurance) Email: enquiries@bxclinic.co.uk	Dr. Harjeev Rai www.clearhealth.co.uk Tel: 0800-075-8165 (Call for nearest consultation location)

Dr. Nigel A. Chatwin
St. James Health Centre
29 Gt. George Square
Liverpool L1 5DZ
Tel: 0151-709-1120
www.stjameshealthcentre.co.uk

DENTAL PRACTITIONERS

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** A member of the American Dental Association and holder of an American qualification.*

Dentists

Dr. Fredrik Andersson Suites A&B, 22 Harley Street London W1G 9PL Tel: 020-75800-744 http://www.dentalstudio22.com/ Email: drFA@dentalstudio22.com	Dr. Norman Bloom 31 Queen Anne Street London W1 Tel: 020-7580-2193	Covent Garden Dental 48 Chandos Place London WC2N 4HS Tel: 020-7836-1847
Dr. Beressord 207 Upper Richmond Road London SW15 Tel: 020-8785-2848	Dr.. Harris Sidelsky* 2 Devonshire Place London W1G 6JD Tel: 020-7935-8255	Dr. Gerard Dooley* 75 Gloucester Place London W1U 8JP Tel: 020-7935-4862 Tel: 020-7487-2668
Dr. M. Greenberg Flat 3, 4 Wimpole Street London W1 Tel: 020-7487-5221	Mr. Peter Lawrence Flat 11, 103-105 Harley Street London W1 Tel: 020-7580-1610	Mr. Peter Yerbury* Mr. Paddy McCullagh* Dr. Mary Blessing 57 Portland Place London W1 Tel: 020-7580-7146
Dr. Andrew Macdonald* 6 Harcourt House, 2nd Floor Flat 6, 19A Cavendish Square London W1 Tel: 020-7580-1017	Mr. Michael Wise* 5 Lister House 11-12 Wimpole Street London W1 Tel: 020-7486-1896	Mr. Lionel Wainstein* 118 Harley Street London W1 Tel: 020-7935-9504
Mr. Simon M. Roland 55A St. John's Wood High St London NW8 Tel: 020-7722-2682 Tel: 020-7722-8995	Mr. M.J. Furness 31 Wilton Place London SW1 Tel: 020-7235-3824	Dr. Issy Mahmood 100 Harley Street London W1F Tel: 020-7935-3668
Mr. Clive R. Debenham* 1 Harley Street London W1G 9QD	Mr. Timothy G. Haywood* 33 Beaumont Street Oxford OX1 2NP	Mr. Geoffrey C. Pullen* 3 Albion Street

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Tel: 020-7580-2294	Tel: 018-6555-7933	London W2 2AS Tel: 020-7706-1264
Nicholas A. Sturridge* 35 Harley Street London W1G 9QU Tel: 020-7580-7585		

Crown and Bridge Work

Dr. Lawrence Aitken* 59 Wimpole Street London W1 Tel: 020-7935-6462	Mr. Shah 59 Wimpole Street London W1 Tel: 020-7486-4433	Mr. N.V.J. Barrett 38 Devonshire St London W1 Tel: 020-7935-8621
Barbican Dental Practice 1 Wallside, Wood Street London EC2 Tel: 020-7638-8200	G. James Dewe Mathews* Flat 3, 35 Harley Street London W1G 9QU Tel: 020-7637-1676	Mr. Mark G. Barrett 6 Harcourt House 19a Cavendish Square London W1M 9AD UK Tel: 020-7629-7061
Mr. B. David Glynn* 35 Devonshire Place London, W1G 6JP Tel: 020-7935-3342	Mr. Nicholas J. Capp 35 Harley Street London W1G 9QU Tel: 020-7580-2112	Mr. Stuart H. Jacobs* 90 Harley Street London W1N 1AF Tel: 020-7935-2249
Mr. Kevin P. Esplin* Devonshire House 2 Queen Edith's Way Cambridge CB1 7PN Tel: 012-2324-5266	Mehran Sanei* 75 Harley Street London W1G 8QL Tel: 020-7935-3914	Mr. Michael J. Heffernan* 90 Harley Street London W1G 7HS Tel: 020-7935-2249
Harris Sidelsky* 2 Devonshire Place London W1N 1PA Tel: 020-8458-1611	Mr. Paul J.R. O'Neilly* 6 The Broadway Woking Surrey, GU21 5AP Tel: 014-8373-0808	Dr. Robert S. Wright* Regis House 49 Beaumont Street Marylebone Village London W1G 6DN Tel: 020-7486-0203 www.americandentistryinlondon.com Email: wrightsmile@aol.com

Endodontists (root canal)

Mr. B.S. Chong Dr. Andrew Hyatt	Mr. Julian Webber* Harley Street Centre for	Mr. Simon Cunnington* 102 Harley Street
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Mr. Kenneth Green Flat 1, Lister House 11-12 Wimpole Street London W7 Tel: 020-7467-6900	Endodontics Tel: 020-7935-6393	London W1G 7JB Tel: 020-7224-3670
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Orthodontists (alignment of teeth)

Mr. Nevill M. Bass 4 Queen Anne Street London W1 Tel: 020-7580-8780	Mr. Lionel Wainstein* 118 Harley Street London W1 Tel: 020-7935-9504	Orthodontist Clinic 61 Queen Groove St. John's Wood London NW8 6ER Tel: 020-7722-2120
Anna Gibilaro* 6 Harcourt House 19a Cavendish Square London, W1G 0PN Tel: 020-7499-7789		

Pedontists (For Children)

John F. Roberts* 33 Weymouth Street London W1G 7BY Tel: 020-7580-5370	Elaine Giedrys-Leeper* 42 Pembridge Road Notting Hill Gate London W11 3HN Tel: 020-7229-5542	Mr. Jonathan Lack* 152 Harley Street London W1G 7LH Tel: 020-7224-3390
Clive B. Nicholls* 65 Wellington Road Bournemouth Dorset BH8 8JL Tel: 012-0229-2030	Dr. Cheryl L. Butz Toothbeary – MyChild's Dentist Ltd 358A Richmond Road East Twickenham TW1 2DU Tel: 020-8831-6870 www.toothbeary.com (member of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry)	Michael D. Zybutz* 44 Wimpole Street London W1G 8SA Tel: 020-7224-1170

Periodontists (gum disease)

Dr. Peter Floyd Dr. Ian Needleman Dr. Paul Baker 4 Queen Anne Street London W1 Tel: 020-7580-5853	Mr. V.J. Ward* 90 Harley Street London W1 Tel: 020-7935-2249	Elaine Giedrys-Leeper* The Dental Practice 42 Pembridge Road London Tel: 020-7229-5542
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Prosthodontists (removable)

Mr. J. R. Kay
5A Oriental Road
Woking
Surrey, GU22 7AH
Tel: 014-8376-3360
Tel: 014-8377-0353

Dr. George Druttman
123 Cannon Street
London EC4
Tel: 020-7621-0600

Implant Dentistry

Mr. Malcolm Schaller
152 Harley Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7935-8628

Mr. Lionel Wainstein*
118 Harley Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7935-9504

Dr. Robert S. Wright*
Regis House
49 Beaumont Street
Marylebone Village
London W1G 6DN
Tel: 020-7486-0203
www.americandentistryinlondon.com
Email: wrightsmile@aol.com

MEDICAL SPECIALISTS IN LONDON

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Allergy Testing

Dr. Studdy
Dr. Youlten (adults)
Dr. Warner
Dr. Sloper (children)
The London Allergy Clinic
66 New Cavendish Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7637-9711

Professor AB Kay
Consultant Allergist
The London Clinic Allergy Service
119 Harley Street
London, W1G 6AU
Tel: 020-7616-7693
Email: a.b.kay@imperial.ac.uk

Cardiologists

Dr. Paul Curry
London Bridge Hospital
27 Tooley Street
London SE1
Tel: 020-7403-0824

Dr. R. Sutton
Dr. J.R Dawson
London Clinic
20 Devonshire Place
London W1
Tel: 020-7935-4444

Dr. Romeo Vecht
118 Maida Vale
London W9
Tel: 020-7328-4105

Dr. David Jewitt
Cromwell Hospital
162-174 Cromwell Road
London SW5
Tel: 020-7460-5700

Pediatric Cardiologist

Dr. Michael Rigby
Royal Brompton Hospital
Sydney Street
London SW3
Tel: 020-7352-8121

Chiropractors

Graham S. Heale
Mr. L. Sodha
West End Chiropractic Clinic
10 Harley Street
London W1

Dr. Jakubowski
22 Harley Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7637-2920

Tel: 020-7323-0257

Circumcision

Martin Harris
Temple Fortune Health Centre
23 Temple Fortune Lane
London NW11 7TE
Tel: 020-8458-4431

Dermatologists

Dr. Ross
25 Wimpole Street
London W1M
Tel: 020-7935-8805

Dr. Lopez
99 Harley Street
London W1N
Tel: 020-7486-2554

Dr. Pauline Dowd
152 Harley Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7935-0444

also at Lister Hospital
Chelsea Bridge Road
London SW1
Tel: 020-7730-8298

Dr. Rustin
53 Wimpole Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7935-9266

Dr. John Harper
The Portland Hospital
205-209 Great Portland Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7580-4400

Diseases of the Chest

Dr. John Collins
Royal Brompton Hospital
Sydney Street
London SW3
Tel: 020-7352-8121

Ear, Nose and Throat Consultants

The Royal National Throat
Nose and Ear Hospital
Gray's Inn Road
London WC1
Tel: 020-7837-8855
Tel: 020-7278-6261

Mr. Tony Bull
107 Harley Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7935-3171

Mr. Ian S. Mackay
55 Harley Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7580-5070

Mr. S.J. Abramovich
106 Harley Street
London W1

Mr. D. Garfield-Davis
Mr. H. Ludman
London Clinic

Mr. R.S Dhillon
73 Newman Street
London W1P

Tel: 020-7935-0604

20 Devonshire Place
London W1N
Tel: 020-7935-4444

Tel: 020-7935-7384

Pediatric Ear, Nose and Throat

Mr. M. Bailey
55 Harley Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7580-2426
www.ent-london.co.uk
Email: bailey@ent.london.co.uk

Mr. Anthony Mitra
Highgate Hospital
17-19 View Road
London N6
Tel: 020-8341-4182

Endocrinologist

Dr. Geoffrey Lloyd
8 Upper Wimpole Street
London W1G 6LH
www.medilloyd.com
Email: medilloyd@pobox.com
Tel: 020-7935-8071

Dr. Chew
London Clinic
20 Devonshire Place
London W1N
Tel: 020-935-4444

Gastroenterologists

Dr. Raimundo
80 Harley Street
London W1N
Tel: 020-7636-8248

Dr. Bloom
University College Hospital
25 Grafton Way
London WC1
Tel: 020-7387-9300

Dr. Adrian Hatfield
Dr. Murray-Lyon
London Clinic
20 Devonshire Place
London W1N
Tel: 020-7935-4444

Dr. Geoffrey Lloyd
21 Devonshire Place
London W1
Tel: 020-7935-8071

Obstetricians and Gynecologists

Miss Witt
116 Harley Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7935-0588

Mr. Jonathan Brooks
214 Great Portland Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7387-8686

Mr. Christian Barnick
Mr. Richard Howell
212-214 Great Portland St
London W1
Tel: 020-7935-5098

Mr. R.M. Ballard
2 Upper Wimpole Street
London W1

Dr. Forman
111 Park Road
London NW8

Mr. K. Harrington
(colposcopies)
The Portland Hospital for

Tel: 020-8947-7424	Tel: 020-7616-6767	Women & Children 205-209 Great Portland Street London W1 Tel: 020-7580-4400
Mr. Julian Elias 73 Harley Street London W1 Tel: 020-7935-9108	Mr. Thomas Ind 51 Sloane Street London SW1 Tel: 020-7201-2666	Mr. Craig Leitch BabyInc 35 Devonshire Place London W1 Tel: 020-7935-6500 www.babyinc.co.uk

Obstetrical Services (Amniocentesis and Ultrasound Scan)

Ultrasound Diagnostic Services 113 Harley Street London W1 Tel: 020-7935-2243	Mr. Craig Leitch BabyInc 35 Devonshire Place London W1 Tel: 020-7935-6500 www.babyinc.co.uk
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Nephrologists (Pediatric Kidney Disorders)

Dr. L.R.I. Baker
149 Harley Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7224-5234

Neurologists

Dr. R.S. Kocen National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery Queen's Square London WC1 Tel: 020-7837-3611	Dr. J. Gawler London Clinic 20 Devonshire Place London W1N Tel: 020-7935-4444
Dr. Peter Harvey 134 Harley Street London W1 Tel: 020-7486-8005	Dr. John Meadows 143 Harley Street London W1 Tel: 020-7935-1802

Pediatric Neurologist

Dr. Robert Surtees
Dr. S. Benton
Dr. F. Kirkham
Professor Neville

Great Ormond Street Hospital
Great Ormond Street
London WC1
Tel: 020-7405-9200

Neurosurgeons

Mr. Peter Bullock
Mr. F. Afshar
Mr. John C. Sutcliffe
London Clinic
20 Devonshire Place
London W1N
Tel: 020-7935-4444

Mr. R. Maurice-Williams
Mr. H.A. Crockard
Neurosurgical Unit
Wellington Hospital
Wellington Place
London NW8
Tel: 020-7586-5959
Tel: 020-7722-1224

Ophthalmologists

Dr. Z. Gregor (Retinal disorders only)
94 Harley Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7935-0777

Mr. D. McHugh
73 Harley Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7935-5874

Mr. J. Rose
Moorfields Eye Hospital
162 City Road
London EC1
Tel: 020-7253-3411

Mr. Tim Ffytch
London Clinic
20 Devonshire Place
London W1N
Tel: 020-7935-4444

Mr. G. William Aylward
114 Harley Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7935-1565

Mr. A.S. Mushin
82 Harley Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7580-3116

Pediatric Ophthalmologist

Mr. David Taylor
234 Great Portland Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7935-7916

Ms. Isabelle Russell-Rggitt
Great Ormond Street Hospital
Great Ormond Street
London WC1
Tel: 020-7405-9200

Opticians and Contact Lenses

20/20 Lens Center Ltd.
87 Wigmore Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7486-6821

VisionCare
61 Harley Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7436-9436

John Aston Ltd.
122 Wilton Road
London SW1V
Tel: 020-7834-7136

Orthopaedic Surgeons

Mr. Michael Sullivan Princess Grace Hospital 42-52 Nottingham Place London W1N Tel: 020-7486-4970	Mr. A. Catterall Mr. J.P. Cobb Mr. M.A Edgar Mr. Gareth Scott London Clinic 20 Devonshire Place London W1N Tel: 020-7935-4444	Mr. Haddad Mr. Peter Baird The Cromwell Hospital 162-174 Cromwell Road London SW5 Tel: 020-7460-2000 Tel: 020-7460-5596
Mr. Andrew Jackson 107 Harley Street London W1 Tel: 020-7935-9251	Mr. P. Earnshaw London Bridge Hospital 27 Tooley Street London SE1 Tel: 020-7407-3100	

Osteopaths

Mr. Ronald C. Bishop The Acupuncture and Osteopath Clinic 34 Alderney Street London SW1 Tel: 020-7834-6229	Gary Derrick Tim John 1 Harley Street London W1 Tel: 020-7636-9595 Tel: 020-7436-8422
Jeremy M. Gilbey and Associates 52 Porchester Road London W2 Tel: 020-7221-3557	James I. Sumerfield Harley Street Osteopaths Sixth Floor 103-105 Harley Street London, W1G 6AJ Tel: 020-7935-7835 Fax: 020-7224-2448 www.hso-london.co.uk

Pathologists

Dr. M.J. Saary
The Doctor's Laboratory
55 Wimpole Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7460-4800

Pediatricians

Dr. Jack D. Singer 73 Harley Street London W1 Tel: 020-7935-2023	Portland Hospital 205-209 Great Portland Street London WC1 Tel: 020-7580-4400
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Pediatric Dermatologist

Dr. John Harper
The Portland Hospital
205-209 Great Portland Street
London WC1
Tel: 020-7580-4400

Physiotherapists

Wellington Physiotherapy
Wellington Hospital
Wellington Place
London NW8
Tel: 020-7586-5959

The Wimpole Street
Physiotherapy Clinic
59 Wimpole Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7935-7344

Portland Physiotherapy
3 Gower Street
London WC1
Tel: 020-7436-8960

Central London Physiotherapy Clinic
106 Harley Street
London W1N
Tel: 020-7486-5238

Plastic Surgeons

Mr. John E. Bowen
Flat 1, 30 Harley Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7636-0955

Harley Medical Group
6 Harley Street
London W1N
Tel: 020-7631-5494

Podiatrist

Ms. L. Restan
Reston Orthotic Laboratory
130 Harley Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7935-6558
Tel: 020-7487-4282

Mr. Slater
Wellington Pharmacy
39 Knightsbridge
London SW1
Tel: 020-7235-5621

Proctologist

Mr. Peter Hawley
Mr. R.J. Nicholls
Mr. J.M Northover
London Clinic
20 Devonshire Place
London W1N
Tel: 020-7935-4444

Proctologist/Oncologist

Dr. Price
147 Harley Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7486-2545

Dr. Gueret-Wardle
Flat 38, Harmont House
20 Harley Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7631-3169

Radiotherapists

Dr. Ploughman
St. Bartholomew's Hospital
West Smithfield
London EC1
also
20 Harley Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7377-7000
Secretary: 020-7631-1632

Rheumatologists

Dr. Graham Hughes
St. Thomas's Hospital
Lambeth Palace Road
London SE1
Tel: 020-7188-7188
also
Churchill Clinic
80 Lambeth Road
London SE1
Tel: 020-7928-5633

Dr. J.E. Davis (sport injuries)
The Devonshire Hospital
30 Devonshire Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7486-7131

Pediatric Consultant Urologists

Mr. P. Duffy
Mr. P. Ransley
Great Ormond Street Hospital
Great Ormond Street
London WC1
Tel: 020-7405-9200

Portland Hospital
205-209 Great Portland Road
London W1N
Tel: 020-7580-4400

Tropical Diseases

Tropical Diseases Hospital
Capper Street
London WC1
Tel: 020-7387-9300

Surgeons

Mr. Ian Fentiman (Breast specialist) Guy's Hospital Keats House 24 St. Thomas Street London SE1 Tel: 020-7955-5000	Mr. Hammed (Breast specialist) London Bridge Hospital 27 Tooley Street London SE1 Tel: 020-7407-3100
Mr. Thomas Wadsworth (Hand surgery specialist) 32 Shepherd Street London W1 Tel: 020-7723-5785	Mr. John Cochrane (General specialist) 19 Wimpole Street London W1 Tel: 020-7637-9755
Mr. Nadey S. Hakim (General Surgeon) 148 Harley Street London W1 Tel: 020-7935-1900 Tel: 020-7637-8820	Mr. Mark Ornstein (General specialist) 136 Harley Street London W1G 7JZ Tel: 020-8423-8236 Fax: 020-8177-3850
Dr. Gail E. Thomas (Breast Specialist) Surgical Oncologist Blackheath Hospital 40-42 The Terrace London SE3 9UD Tel: 020-8318-7722	Fawkham Manor Hospital Manor Lane, Longfield Kent DA3 8ND Tel: 01474-879-900

Urologists

Mr. M.D. Dinneen The Cromwell Hospital Cromwell Road London SW5 Tel: 020-7460-2000	Mr. David Badenoch 123 Harley Street London W1 Tel: 020-7935-3881
Mr. Mark Ornstein 118 Harley Street London W1 Tel: 020-7486-2286	Mr. Simon St. Claire Carter Mr. W.F. Hendry Mr. Robert Morgan Mrs. H. Parkhouse London Clinic 20 Devonshire Place London W1N Tel: 020-7935-4444

Pregnancy Counseling

Pregnancy Advisory Service

Pregnancy Advice for Young People

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http://london.usembassy.gov/cons_new/acs/scs/Guidebook_SCS.pdf

26 Bedford Square London WC1 Tel: 020-7637-8962	Brook Center 233 Tottenham Court Road London W1 Hotline – 24Hours: 020-7323-1522
Regent's Park Clinic 184 Gloucester Place London NW1 Tel: 020-7402-2208	

Psychiatrists and Psychotherapists (General and Specialized)

Dr. William Shanahan Charter Nightingale Hospital 11-19 Lisson Grove London NW1 Tel: 020-7258-3828	Dr. Brenda Davies (General) B.D. Proner, MD Mrs. K. Proner 83 Strand on the Green London W4 Tel: 020-8995-8319
American Psychotherapy Associates Ltd 39A Welbeck Street London W1G 8DH Tel: 020-7486-9255 www.apapsychotherapy.com	Elizabeth Pittman 2 Hull Farm Chipping Norton Oxfordshire OX7 5QF Tel: 01608-654864
Patricia E. McEvoy MA, UKCP (Systematic & Family) 31 Cholmley Gardens Aldred Road London NW6 Tel: 020-7435-6597	Joanne Spilios (Psychotherapy/Jungian Analysis) 30 Beaumont Street Oxford OX1 2NY Tel: 07050-261-908 Tel: 07941-119926
Anne de Montarlot (Clinical Humanistic Psychotherapy Services) Chelsea London SW10 Tel: 020-7349-0201 Email: annedemontarlot@onetel.com	

There is a self-help group, **SAMM – Support After Murder and Manslaughter**, which provides telephone support, newsletters, and group meetings and other assistance to families who have had a loved murdered abroad. For more information, please contact **020-7735-3838**.

AIDS Healthline Telephone Service

AIDS Helpline Tel: 0800-567-123	AIDS Line 17 Chaseside Crescent	Health & Travel Advice Information Service
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Enfield EN2 0JA
Tel: 020-8363-2141

Tel: 0800-555-777

Immunization

West London Vaccination
Center
53 Great Cumberland Place
London W1
Tel: 020-7262-6456

Health Screening Services
23 Haven Green
London W5
Tel: 020-8566-7660

Number One Health
No. 1 Harley Street
London W1
Tel: 020-7580-5467
www.numberonehealth.co.uk

Complementary Therapy

Keats Health Clinic (Hypnotherapy, Chinese
herbal medicine, aromatherapy, chiropody)
290A Church Street
London N9
Tel: 020-8803-2800

Dr. Henry A. Garfinkel (Internal medicine,
hypnotherapy, acupuncture)
7 Kinloss Gardens
London N3
Tel: 020-8349-1319

Midwives/Delivery Services

Caroline Flint
The Birth Center Limited
22-26 Albert Embankment
London SE1
Tel: 020-7498-2322

Speech Language Therapy

Mr. Fisher
32 Chepstow Place
London W2
Tel: 020-7229-9661

Royal College of Speech &
Language Therapists
7 Bath Place
Rivington Street
London EC2A
Tel: 020-7378-1200

Audiologists

London Otological Center
66 New Cavendish Street
London W1M
Tel: 020-7637-5111

H.S. Audiological Center
22 Harley Street
London W1N
Tel: 0800-521-787

Nursing Agency

Colvin Nursing Agency Ltd
95 Heath Street
London NW3
Tel: 020-7794-9323

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Admission to a hospital may require referral from a general practitioner or through a consultant. You should confirm this with the individual hospital. All travelers should have sufficient medical insurance available to cover the cost of all medical treatment received while in the United Kingdom – fees are dealt with by the administration offices of the individual medical institution. For an extensive list of clinics, hospitals, and general practitioners, please consult the Yellow Pages telephone directory, local Thompson Directory, your local library, or call NHS Direct at 0845-4647.

Minor Illnesses and Injuries, Assistance with American Prescriptions

In the event that you need care outside of working hours, some of the following private British outpatient services are available for urgent assistance.

Medical Express Clinic
117A Harley Street
London W1G 6AT
Tel: 0800-9800-700; 020-7499-1991
Hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday
9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday
Dr. available after hours for emergencies
6pm-9am

Medicentre – A Walk-In Doctor Service
Platform 1, Victoria Mainline Station
London SW1V 1JT
Tel: 020-7828-5495; 0870-600-870
Hours: 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday,
9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday (Victoria branch only)

Doctorcall
16 Wimpole Street
London W1G 9SZ
Tel: 020-7291-6666
www.doctorcall.co.uk

24- Hour Services

Doctor's Direct

020-7636-8282 or 0800-136-106

Premier Medical Services Ltd.

070-7188-1111 (24 hrs, 365 days a year)

Private Hospitals

Please be advised that private hospitals do not have emergency/casualty facilities.

The Cromwell Hospital
Cromwell Road
London SW5 0TU
Tel: 020-7460-2000

The Harley Street Hospital
35 Weymouth Street
London W1G 8BJ
Tel: 020-7935-7700

The London Clinic
20 Devonshire Place
London W1N 2DH
Tel: 020-7935-4444

Appointment only	24-hour service	Appointment only
The Princess Grace Hospital 42-52 Nottingham Place London W1U 5NY Tel: 020-7486-1234 24-hour service	Portland Hospital 209 Great Portland Street London W1W 5AH Tel: 020-7580-4400	The Wellington Hospital 8A Wellington Place St. John's Wood London NW8 9LE Tel: 020-7586-5959
The Parkside Hospital 53 Parkside, Wimbledon London SW19 5NX Tel: 020-8946-4202 Appointment only	Charter Nightingale Hospital 11-19 Lisson Grove London NW1 6SH Tel: Intake Department 080-0783-0594 Appointment only	Clementine Churchill Hospital Sudbury Hill Harrow Middlesex HA1 3RX Tel: 020-8872-3872
The Nuffield Hospital Cavell Drive Uplands Park Road Enfield EN2 7PR Tel: 020-8366-2122	The Shelbourne BMI Hospital Queen Alexandra Road High Wycombe Buckinghamshire HP11 2TR Tel: 014-9488-8700	The Brompton Cross Clinic 13 Crescent Place London SW3 2EA Tel: 020-7052-0070 www.bxclinic.co.uk Email: enquiries@bxclinic.co.uk
The Chilterns Hospital London Road, Great Missenden Buckinghamshire HP16 0EN Tel: 014-9489-0890		

Psychiatric, Emotional and Drug Dependency Problems

The Charter Nightingale Hospital 11-15 Lisson Grove London NW1 6SH Tel: 020-7535-7700 24-hour service	Psychiatric and Psychological Consultant Services Limited 14 Devonshire Place London W1N 1PB Tel: 020-7935-0640	The American Counseling Center Tel: 020-7935-1606
Drug Dependency Clinic 500 Edgware Road London W2 1EJ Tel: 020-7724-0877	Bowden House Clinic Specializing in Emotional Troubles St. Andrews at Harrow London Rd. Middlesex HA1 3JL Tel: 020-8966-7000	

Special Clinics

BPAS (British Pregnancy Advisory Service) 26 Bedford Square London WC1B 3HP Tel: 084-5730-4030	Regent's Park Clinic (Sexual Health) 184 Gloucester Place London NW1 6DS Tel: 020-7402-2208 Appointment only	Life – Pregnancy Counseling 5 Goodwins Court London WC2N 4LL Tel: 020-7240-1275
Marie Stopes Clinic 108 Whitfield Street London W1P 6BE Tel: 084-5300-8090 24-hour service	American Women's Health Centre Dr. Dickinson B. Cowan The Portland Hospital 213 Great Portland Street London W1W 5QN Tel: 020-7390-8433 Fax: 020-7383-4162 www.awhc.co.uk Email: info@awhc.co.uk	

IN AN EMERGENCY (i.e. unconsciousness, serious bleeding, severe breathing difficulties), do not spend time trying to contact a doctor. **Dial 999 and ask for an ambulance.** The ambulance attendant will give on-the-spot treatment and proceed to the nearest National Health Service hospital suited to treat the emergency.

National Health Service Hospitals

If hospitalization at a NHS hospital is required, ask if it is possible to be admitted to a private wing. Private wings of NHS hospitals are usually occupied by patients who were admitted for planned procedures; however, if a bed is available, you are encouraged to request private care.

St. Mary's Hospital Praed Street London W2 1NY (Near Paddington Station) Tel: 020-7886-6666	University College London Hospitals Grafton Way London WC10 Tel: 020-7387-9300	Royal Free Hospital Pond Street Hampstead NW3 2QG Tel: 020-7794-0500
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BRINGING GUIDE DOGS AND OTHER ASSISTANCE DOGS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

Under the UK Pet Travel Scheme (PETS), guide dogs and other assistance dogs can be brought into the United Kingdom without being quarantined, provided certain conditions are fulfilled. However, PETS treats all dogs alike, and does not exempt guide dogs and assistance dogs from any portion of the PETS requirements. Please see <http://london.usembassy.gov/ukpets.html> for more information on PETS.

In addition to requirements under the PETS scheme, there are further considerations involved in traveling with guide dogs or other assistance dogs. Most airlines will accept a guide dog or other assistance dog for travel in the cabin on a flight, but a maximum flight time may be defined. The dog will have to wear a suitable car safety harness at both takeoff and landing, and at other times when the “fasten seat belt” sign is illuminated during the flight.

The airline should be notified when the reservation is made that a guide dog or other assistance dog will accompany you. The airline will provide appropriate seating for the dog, which may involve an additional fee. You should request written confirmation from your booking agent that the airline has been made aware that arrangements should be made for the travel of an accompanying guide dog or assistance dog.

In addition, you will be responsible for bringing other equipment for your dog, such as bottled water, an appropriate water dish, a bed for the dog while on the plane, and provisions for dealing with any “accidents.”

We strongly encourage anyone interested in bringing a guide dog or other assistance dog to carefully review the UK Government website on PETS at www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/quarantine/index.htm and the detailed guidance and advice provided by The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association found at http://www.guidedogs.org.uk/fileadmin/gdba/images/downloads/Preparation_of_UK_Guide_Dogs_and_other_Assistance_Dogs_for_International_Travel-Rev_3.doc for more information.

CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS IN THE UNITED STATES

The U.S. Embassy cannot provide criminal record information for individuals who have visited or resided in the United States. These records can be applied for through the following websites:

United States: www.fbi.gov

United Kingdom: www.met.police.uk/dataprotection/forms.htm

You may also find the following information from the Department of State's website at http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/emergencies/emergencies_1201.html# useful:

U.S. citizens may be asked to present a "certificate of good conduct" or "lack of a criminal record" for a variety of reasons for use abroad including adoption, school attendance, employment, etc. U.S. law enforcement authorities may not be familiar with such a procedure, since it is not commonly requested in the United States. There are a variety of options available to U.S. citizens seeking to obtain proof of their lack of a criminal record.

Local Police Check

Go to your local police department where you reside or last resided in the United States, request that the police conduct a criminal records search and provide you with a document reflecting that there is no history of a criminal record. Local police departments may require your personal appearance in order to conduct the search. Your local police department can phrase this in whatever way it deems appropriate. The document should then be authenticated for use abroad following our guidance on authentication or legalization of documents (http://travel.state.gov/family/abduction/hague_issues/hague_issues_562.html).

FBI Records Check

The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) centralizes criminal justice information and provides accurate and timely information and services to local, state, federal, and international law enforcement agencies, the private sector, academia, and other government agencies. The subject of an identification record may obtain a copy thereof by submitting a written request to the CJIS. The request must be accompanied by satisfactory proof of identity (consisting of name, date and place of birth, and a set of roll-linked fingerprint impressions) and a certified check or money order for the processing fee. The FBI will not provide copies of arrest records to individuals other than the subject of the record.

Getting Your Fingerprints Taken

U.S. citizens should be able to obtain fingerprint cards from their local police departments. U.S. embassies and consulates do not generally provide this service. **(Note: The U.S. Embassy in London does not provide this service. You may contact the National Fingerprint Centre at New Scotland Yard for assistance** (http://www.met.police.uk/scd/specialist_units/fingerprint_services.htm).

Authentication of Police or FBI Certificates of Lack of a Criminal Record

Documents required for use abroad may require additional authentication after you obtain the local police seal or FBI certificate. See our guidance on authentication or legalization of documents (http://travel.state.gov/family/abduction/hague_issues/hague_issues_562.html)."

ENTRY INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM

The U.S. Embassy in London is contacted every day by American citizens who have been refused entry into the United Kingdom, many of them because they did not acquire the appropriate entry clearance – commonly referred to as a visa – before traveling.

Entry into the United Kingdom by foreign nationals, including American citizens, is regulated by the UK Border Agency. **If you are coming to the United Kingdom for any purpose other than a tourist or business visit of less than six months in duration, you must have entry clearance/visa prior to your arrival at a UK port of entry.**

The United Kingdom has very specific definitions of tourism and business. Interns, students, prospective students, spouses, parents, fiancés/partners, those coming to the United Kingdom to work (unpaid or paid), those coming to the United Kingdom to marry, and all dependents in the preceding categories require entry clearance/visa irrespective of duration of stay.

You must apply for entry clearance/visa online at <http://visa4uk.fco.gov.uk/> via a commercial service contracted by the UK Border Agency and the British Consulates General in the United States. More information is available on the British Embassy's website at <http://ukinusa.fco.gov.uk/en>. The UK entry clearance/visa application wizard can be found at: <http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk/en/howtoapply/wheretosapply/unitedstates>.

If you do not have the required entry clearance/visa, you will be refused entry to the United Kingdom. You risk being held in an immigration removal center until a return flight becomes available, and you may be returned to the country from where you arrived, not necessarily the United States. The U.S. Embassy in London cannot intervene in such matters.

Information about UK immigration policy and entry clearance/visa requirements can be found at the website of the UK Border Agency: <http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/>

If you need professional assistance from qualified UK immigration practitioners, you may wish to contact:

UK Immigrants Advisory Service (UKIAS)
<http://www.iasuk.org>

Office of Immigration Services Commissioner (OISC)
<http://www.oisc.gov.uk>

On November 25, 2008, under the provisions of the Immigration (Biometric Registration) Regulations 2008, UKBA began mandatory issuance of identity cards to American citizens who apply for an extension of their stay in the United Kingdom as students or as the husbands, wives, or partners of permanent residents. Further information regarding the identity card is available at <http://www.ips.gov.uk/identity/press-2008-09-25.asp>.

Again, while an American citizen does not require a visa for tourist or business visits to the United Kingdom of less than six months' duration, the mandatory requirement for entry clearance/visa extends to interns, students, prospective students, husbands, wives, partners,

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FEDERAL BENEFITS UNIT

How to contact us

Federal Benefits is open to the public from 9:30 am until 1 pm Monday through Friday, except American and British public holidays.

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	IF your SSN terminal digits are 50-99 OR your surname begins with N-Z	Call (020) 7499-9000 X2927
Fax	(020) 7495-7200	
Email	http://london.usembassy.gov/cons_new/acs/fbu/fbu_email_enquiry.html So that we can contact you we will require you to provide contact information. To keep your Social Security information secure, we may not be able to respond via the Internet. Please include your mailing address and telephone number in your message.	
Visit	Individuals wishing to visit the Federal Benefits Unit should follow the signs for “Social Security” after being processed through the Embassy’s Security Checkpoint U.S. passport holders will have to show their passports to security in order to enter the Embassy. Individuals without a US passport must bring picture I.D. Upon entering the reception area, please go directly to Counter 13 for assistance.	

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- Assistance with continuing benefits from the Social Security Administration, Veterans Administration, Railroad Retirement Board, Department of Labor and Office of Personnel Management such as reporting deaths, changes of address, missing payments, V.A. burial flags, etc.
- Information about the U.S. Social Security coverage while working in the U.K.
- Information about the U.S.-U.K. Social Security Agreement and combining credit under both systems.
- Direct deposit of federal benefits.
- To file for V.A. benefits, please go to the V.A. website and follow the instructions on how to apply for compensation and pension benefits. <http://www.va.gov/>

Other Websites that May Be of Help

Social Security Administration

<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/>

Last Updated: 11/08

http://london.usembassy.gov/cons_new/acs/scs/Guidebook_SCS.pdf

Social Security Numbers	http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber/
Veterans Administration	http://www.va.gov/
Railroad Board	http://www.rrb.gov/
Department of Labor	http://www.dol.gov/
Office of Personnel Management	http://www.opm.gov/
Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services	http://www.medicare.gov/

MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS IN ENGLAND AND WALES

American citizens coming to the United Kingdom to marry British citizens or persons settled here, or to register as Civil Partners, generally require entry clearance from UK authorities. Clearance must be obtained in advance of arrival.

If you are in the United States and need more information, consult the website of the British Embassy in Washington, D.C., at www.britain-info.org. If you are outside the United States, but not in the United Kingdom, consult www.ukvisas.gov.uk. If you are already in the United Kingdom, see www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk.

Failure to comply with the requirement for entry clearance may result in refusal of entry to the United Kingdom.

Civil (Non-Religious) Marriages

In general, for a civil marriage, both contracting parties must:

- observe the statutory residence requirements (see below);
- be at least 16 years old;
- obtain parental consent in writing if either party is under age 18, unless one is a widow or widower;
- if previously married, produce evidence that they are currently free to marry (for example, the original or a certified copy of the former spouse's death certificate or of the divorce decree); and
- arrange for two witnesses to be present at the marriage and to sign the Marriage Register.

People subject to immigration control who wish to marry in the United Kingdom must:

- hold entry clearance as a fiancé/e or marriage visitor, or
- hold a Home Office certificate of approval, or
- be a person with settled status in the United Kingdom (e.g. indefinite leave to remain).

Who regulates civil marriages in England and Wales?

The Registrar's Office for each district. To find the nearest Registrar, look under "Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages" in the telephone directory, or call Directory Assistance (192). The Registrar takes the Notice of Marriage (the license application), issues the certificate, and conducts the ceremony. For most visiting Americans, the most centrally located Registrar's Office is at Westminster Council House, Marylebone Road, London SW1E 6QP (Tel: 020-7641-1161).

How do I obtain a certificate?

There is a seven-day residence requirement for both parties; on the eighth day, both give "Notice of Intent to Marry" to the local Registrar's Office for the district in which they have been staying. A further 15-day waiting period must lapse before the marriage may take place. It is

preferable that both parties give notice at the same time. Each party also is required to declare nationality and provide evidence of identification.

Religious marriages in England and Wales

Church of England authorities advise that marriage in an Anglican church between two foreigners or between a foreigner and a British citizen should be by ecclesiastical license arranged through the vicar of the church in which they wish to be married. For information on marriage in accordance with Anglican rites, consult The Faculty Office, 1 The Sanctuary, London SW1P 3JS (Tel: 020-7222-5381). Protestants of other denominations or Quakers should consult the clergyman or governing body of the respective denomination. Roman Catholic authorities advise that parties should give at least six weeks' notice to the parish priest prior to the marriage to allow time for instruction, collection of documents, publication of banns, and other formalities. If the parties do not reside in the parish, they will need letters from the parish priests of their home parishes giving permission for the celebration of the marriage elsewhere. Jewish marriages may be performed under the auspices of a registered synagogue and entered in the synagogue's marriage register. Further information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Rabbi, 735 High Road, London N12 0US (Tel: 020-8343-8989). For religions not mentioned, please contact the appropriate governing authority.

Can a marriage take place anywhere?

Marriages can be performed by a Registrar at any location, provided the venue is licensed, approved, and registered for the purpose of marriage by the local government authority. Licensed venues may include hotels, public houses, and stately homes. For a fee, the Registrar from the district where you reside may perform the marriage in another district's licensed venue. Fees vary according to the time and date you wish the marriage to take place. For a list of venues and fees, contact the nearest Registrar.

Is a marriage performed in the United Kingdom valid in the United States?

In general, regardless of the nationality or religion of the persons married, marriages legally performed in the United Kingdom are also legally valid in the United States.

What is the role of the Embassy?

The Embassy has no role in the process, other than to administer oaths on documents as a notary service (please see http://london.usembassy.gov/cons_new/acs/scs/notary.html for further information on notary services). American diplomatic and consular officers may not perform marriages or serve as witnesses. Marriages may not take place at the Embassy.

Is citizenship affected by marriage?

No. An American citizen marrying a foreign national does not lose American citizenship, nor does he/she automatically acquire British citizenship if marrying a British citizen. Similarly, a foreign national does NOT acquire American citizenship simply by marriage to an American citizen.

After marriage, an American citizen may amend his/her surname to reflect his/her married name by presenting his/her U.S. passport and a certified copy of the marriage certificate to a consular official at the Embassy. For more information, see our website at http://london.usembassy.gov/cons_new/acs/passports/index.html.

A foreign national spouse who intends to reside in the United States must obtain a U.S. immigrant visa prior to entering the United States. For information, consult our website, <http://london.usembassy.gov>.

Civil Partnerships: The UK Civil Partnership Act 2004 came into operation on December 5, 2005, and enables a same-sex couple to register as civil partners of each other. A civil partnership can be registered in England and Wales in a register office or in approved premises. For more information, see <http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/>. Note that, as for marriage, entry clearance must be obtained in advance of arrival from UK authorities. Please refer to the links above.

Under U.S. law (the Defense of Marriage Act 1996), a civil partnership registration cannot be used as the basis for an immediate name change in a U.S. passport, nor can it be used as the basis for a U.S. immigration benefit. For more information on changing the name in your U.S. passport, see http://london.usembassy.gov/cons_new/acs/passports/amendindex.html. For more information related to immigration, see the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service's website at <http://www.uscis.gov/propub/ProPubVAP.jsp?dockkey=e379332fb990f9c0d5dc72f610bed207>.

For information on marriage and civil partnerships in other parts of the United Kingdom or the Irish Republic, apply to:

Scotland

Registrar General
New Register House
Edinburgh EH1 3YT
Tel: 013-1334-0380

Northern Ireland

Registrar General
49-55 Chichester Street
Belfast BT1 4HL
Tel: 028-9025-2000

Irish Republic

General Register Office
8/11 Lombard Street East
Dublin 2
Tel: 353-1-635-4000

NOTARY SERVICES

The American Citizen Services Branch of the U.S. Embassy in London provides notary services for those persons wishing to execute documents in the presence of a U.S. consular officer. This service is available to both American and foreign citizens who need to have documents notarized for use in the United States.

Notary services are provided by appointment only, and appointments must be made via our Notary Appointment System online. Appointments will not be booked via telephone. You will not be granted access to the Embassy for a notary service without an appointment. You **MUST** bring your passport as means of personal identification, as well as evidence of a name change if the name in your passport differs from the name on the documents you wish to have notarized.

The fee is \$30.00 for the first signature/seal, \$20.00 for each additional signature/seal. Payment may be made in Pounds Sterling, U.S. Dollars or by credit card (Visa or Mastercard). Personal checks are not accepted.

Please note: the Embassy is closed on all UK and U.S. public holidays.

Services NOT carried out by American Citizens Services

- State-issued and U.S. Notarized Documents for use in Other Countries (e.g. birth, marriage, death certificates)
- W-7 Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITINs)
- Medallion Signature Guarantee
- Authentication of U.S. Academic Credentials
- Form I-864 (Affidavit of Support)
- Certified Copies of Original Non-U.S. Documents

Services carried out by American Citizens Services

- Notarization and Legalization of Documents for Use in the United States (see page 98)
- Redemption of U.S. Savings Bonds (see page 99)
- Certified Photocopies of U.S. Passports ONLY

NOTARIZATION OF DOCUMENTS FOR USE IN THE UNITED STATES

Through the Embassy

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http://london.usembassy.gov/cons_new/acs/scs/scs_security_notice_redirector.html

Through the British System

Alternatively, documents needing notarization for use in the United States can be notarized under the British system. Notarization under the British system is a two-step process.

Step 1: Have your documents signed in front of a Notary Public. For your nearest Notary Public, please visit <http://www.thenotariessociety.org.uk/>.

Step 2: You must have the signature and seal of the Notary Public legalized by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO). The FCO will legalize documents by means of an Apostille, or certificate. In addition to documents witnessed by notaries public and solicitors, documents such as UK public records (birth, death, and marriage certificates; probate documents; all documents certified by court officials, the Patent Office, and Companies Registration Office, etc.) can be legalized at the FCO.

With effect from April 1, 2008, the main body of the FCO's Legalization Office will move to Milton Keynes. There will be a satellite office in London for legalization situated at Centre Point Building, 17th Floor, New Oxford Street, London WC1. Opening hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The satellite office will be dedicated to notaries, solicitors, and business customers. It will not be open to the public or visitors, and all documentation for legalization must be delivered by courier or messenger only. Payment for the service will be required, in advance, by using a new e-payments system. For further details, please telephone the Legalization Office at 020-7008-1111 or visit their website at <http://www.fco.gov.uk/>.

REDEMPTION OF U.S. SAVINGS BONDS ABROAD

U.S. Savings Bonds cannot be presented for immediate payment while the owner is abroad. The owner must execute a ***request for payment*** in the presence of a qualified witnessing official and then mail the bonds to an appropriate authority in the United States, as described below. A dollar check will then be mailed to the owner of the bonds.

Executing a Request for Payment at the U.S. Embassy

The request for payment on the reverse of each bond may be executed at the U.S. Embassy in the presence of a Consular Officer during notary hours, except on British and American holidays. Please follow the link to book an appointment:

http://london.usembassy.gov/cons_new/acs/scs/notary_appointment_instructions.html

The owner of the bond must present a passport as evidence of identification. If the applicant is a woman whose name has changed through marriage, the marriage certificate must also be presented. Notarial services in connection with U.S. Savings Bonds are performed free of charge at the Embassy.

Executing a Request for Payment If You Can't Make It to the Embassy

If the applicant for payment can't come to the Embassy, he/she should execute FORM PD 1522, a special form of detached request for payments of bonds, in the presence of any solicitor or notary public. FORM PD 1522 may be obtained from the Embassy or downloaded directly from the following link:

<http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov/NC/FoRMSHome?FormType=SBF>

The FORM PD 1522 should then be mailed to the Legalization Section of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Old Admiralty Building, for legalization in accordance with the Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents, October 15, 1981. There is a fee for this service. For recorded information, call 020-7008-1111 or visit: <http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/about-the-fco/what-we-do/docs-and-legal-services/legalisation/>.

Sending the Bonds to the United States

After the applicant's signature has been witnessed, the bonds may be forwarded for payment to the United States by either of the methods below. Whichever method is used, it takes approximately three months after application for a dollar check to be received.

- Send the signed and certified bonds to either of these addresses:

Federal Reserve Bank of Pittsburgh
P.O. Box 867
Pittsburgh, PA 15230

Bureau of the Public Debt
P.O. Box 7012
Parkersburg, WV 26106-7012

-OR-

- Forward through the local branch of a British bank which will forward the bonds through its overseas branch to the correspondent bank in the United States for payment

Tax Information

If the owner of the bonds is a U.S. citizen, he/she should prepare a signed statement to be sent to the United States with the bonds. This statement should give the owner's passport number, date and place of birth, country of residence, and the name and address of the authority to which taxes are paid.

If the owner of the bonds is a citizen of a country which has a tax treaty with the United States (Great Britain is such a country), he/she should complete IRS FORM W-8 to claim exemption from the U.S. tax on the interest of the bonds. It should be sent to the United States with the bonds. IRS FORM W-8 is available from this office or can be directly downloaded from: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw8ben.pdf#search=%22IRS%20W-8%22>. Photostat copies of the form may also be used.

Additional Links

Savings Bonds Calculator

http://www.savingsbonds.gov/indiv/tools/tools_savingsbondcalc.htm

For further information about bonds in general, contact:

The Bureau of the Public Debt
Savings Bonds Operations Office
P.O. Box 1328
Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328

FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION, VISIT THE WEBSITE
www.savingsbonds.gov

AUTHENTICATION OF U.S. ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

The Embassy does not authenticate U.S. academic credentials. Such an authentication can be obtained from the issuing university or educational institution in the United States, or, in some cases, from the U.S. Educational Advisory Service (USEAS), see <http://www.fulbright.co.uk/eas/>

CERTIFIED COPIES OF ORIGINAL U.S. DOCUMENTS

The Embassy does not provide a service for certifying true copies of original documents. If you are unwilling to forward your original documents to the United States, you can obtain certified copies through notarization under the British system (see page 98).

MEDALLION SIGNATURE GUARANTEE

A consular officer cannot perform a **Medallion Signature Guarantee**, which is a special type of signature acknowledgement sometimes required for the exchange of securities. The Medallion Program is not a notarization. For further information on the Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC) Medallion Program, please visit: <http://www.sec.gov/answers/sigguar.htm>.

General questions about Medallion Signature Guarantees or how the Medallion program works may be directed to the SEC's Office of Investor Education and Assistance by email at help@sec.gov, by phone at 1-800-SEC-0330, by fax at 202-772-9295, or by mail at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C., 20549-0213.

The Embassy is aware of two companies in the United Kingdom that perform Medallion Signature Guarantees. Please contact them directly for information on fees and procedures. This listing does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation from the U.S. Embassy.

Overseas Probate Service

Lester Aldridge Solicitors
Russell House
Oxford Road
Bournemouth BH8 8EX
Tel: 01202 786-289
Fax: 01202 786-170
Email: info@LA-law.com
www.lester-aldridge.co.uk

Title Research

24 Britton Street
London EC1M 5UA
Tel: 020-7549-0900
www.titleresearch.com

LEGALIZATION OF DOCUMENTS ISSUED IN THE UNITED STATES FOR USE IN HAGUE AND NON-HAGUE CONVENTION COUNTRIES

Effective October 15, 1981, the United States became a party to the Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents.

The purpose of the Convention is that it abolishes the requirement of diplomatic and consular legalization for public documents originating in one Convention country and intended for use in another. Documents issued in a Convention country which have been certified by a Convention apostille are entitled to recognition in any other Convention country without any further authentication. Such recognition is an obligation on the part of the United States to the other countries party to the Convention and the federal courts and state authorities have been alerted to this obligation. Consular officers in Convention countries are prohibited from placing a certification over the Convention apostille.

FOR HAGUE COUNTRIES: An Apostille must be obtained from the Secretary of State for the State in which the documents were issued. Contact the Office of the Secretary of State in the state in which the documents were issued. Such documents include birth, death, and marriage certificates, documents executed before a U.S. notary public, and credentials bearing the seal of a college or university.

FOR NON-HAGUE COUNTRIES: An "Authentication" certificate must be obtained from the Secretary of State for the State in which the documents were issued. Contact the Office of the Secretary of State for the State in which the documents were issued.

Such documents include birth, death, and marriage certificates, documents executed before a U.S. notary public, and credentials bearing the seal of a college or university. Next, the document should be presented to the Authentication Office, U.S. Department of State, 2400 M. Street NW, Room 101, Washington, D.C. 20520, Tel: 001-202-647-5002, for authentication of the State's seal. The Department charges \$10.00 for this service, which may be paid by U.S. check or money order made payable to the Department of State. WE NEED TO CHECK THIS. Finally, the document should be presented to the Embassy of the country in which the document will be used to authenticate the seal of the Department of State.

For a list of Secretaries of State, please visit:

http://london.usembassy.gov/cons_new/acs/scs/secstate.html

COUNTRIES PARTY TO THE HAGUE CONVENTION ABOLISHING THE REQUIREMENT OF LEGALIZATION FOR FOREIGN PUBLIC DOCUMENTS

All information provided here is subject to change at any time. For the most up-to-date information, please refer to the Hague Convention website at:

http://www.hcch.net/index_en.php?act=conventions.authorities&cid=41

Albania	Hungary	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Andorra	India	Samoa
Angola	Ireland	San Marino
Antigua and Barbuda	Israel	Serbia
Argentina	Italy	Seychelles
Armenia	Japan	Slovakia
Australia	Korea	Slovenia
Austria	Kazakhstan	Solomon Islands
Bahamas	Latvia	South Africa
Barbados	Lesotho	Spain
Belarus	Liberia	Suriname
Belgium	Liechtenstein	Swaziland
Belize	Lithuania	Sweden
Bermuda	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Macau	Tonga
Botswana	Malawi	Trinidad and Tobago
Brunei	Malta	Turkey
Bulgaria	Marshall Islands	Tuvalu
Colombia	Mauritius	Ukraine
Comoros Islands	Mexico	United Kingdom
Cook Islands	Moldova	(including Jersey,
Croatia	Montserrat	Guernsey, Isle of Man,
Cyprus	Mozambique	Anguilla, Bermuda, the
Czech Republic	Namibia	Cayman Islands,
Denmark	Netherlands	Gibraltar, the Falkland
Djibouti	(including Aruba and	Islands, Montserrat, St.
Dominica	the Netherlands	Helena, Turks and
El Salvador	Antilles)	Caicos Islands, and the
Estonia	New Zealand	British Virgin Islands)
Fiji	(including Niue)	United States of America
Finland	Norway	(including American
France (including DOM- TOM)	Panama	Samoa, the Northern
Georgia	Poland	Mariana Islands,
Germany	Portugal	Puerto Rico, Guam and
Gibraltar	Republic of Macedonia	the US Virgin Islands)
Greece	(former Yugoslav)	Vanuatu
Grenada	Romania	Venezuela
Hong Kong SAR[1]	Russia	
Honduras	St. Kitts and Nevis	
	St. Lucia	

OBTAINING COPIES OF PUBLIC RECORDS IN ENGLAND AND WALES

Applying via an online form, or by telephone, fax, or email: Birth, death, marriage, and adoption certificates may be ordered through the Certificate Services Section of the UK General Register Office: <http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificate/index.asp>.

You may also write to: Certificate Services Section, General Register Office, P.O. Box 2, Southport, Merseyside PR8 2JD; tel: +44 (0) 845-603-7788 (8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday, Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) fax: +44 (0) 170-455-0013; email certificate.services@ons.gsi.gov.uk Include "GQ" in the subject line of your email if you do not wish to receive an automated response.

Online orders can be placed for any birth, marriage, or death registered in England or Wales. Certificates can also be obtained for any adoption authorized by order of a court in England or Wales since 1927. Frequently asked questions regarding the online ordering process are answered at <http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/faqs.asp>. Any other inquiries or to report problems with the online form should be sent to col.admin@ons.gsi.gov.uk

Fees vary based on the service requested the method of request. For more information, see the website at: <http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/fees.asp>.

Applying In Person: To apply for a certificate in person, you should go to the Family Records Centre, 1 Myddelton Street, London EC1R 1UW, tel: 020-8392-5300. Please call to verify opening hours. For birth certificates, you will need to know the person's full name, date and place of birth, and the mother's maiden name to make a request. If you do not know the precise date of birth, you may conduct your own search for the appropriate record. For death certificates, provide the full name of deceased, date and place of death, age at death, and if known, occupation. For marriage certificates, provide the full names of each party, date and place of marriage, and the name and occupation of father of both bride and groom. For adoption certificates, you will be directed to the Adoption Register at the Family Records Centre. Fees apply for all applications.

3. Applications for Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates in Scotland

The General Register Office for Scotland manages the records and documents related to births, deaths and marriages registered in Scotland. Applications may be made in person at New Register House, in writing, over the phone, in person at the local Registration office where the event was originally registered or via the Scottish genealogical research website <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk>. New Register House is located at 3 West Register Street Edinburgh Scotland EH1 3YT and is available for family history research as well as applying for copies of certificates. In-person applications allow a 5-day standard processing time, or you may request same-day service for an additional fee. Written correspondence should be addressed to the Registrar, General Registry Office, New Register House, Edinburgh, Scotland EH1 3YT and include all relevant information. Orders by telephone can be placed at 0131-314-4411 Payment can be made with Visa, Mastercard, Maestro, sterling cheque and British postal order. Requests made in writing, over the phone or via the internet take longer than in-person requests, but can be expedited for a fee. Cash is only accepted when applying in person. The fee for a search and certificate will be at least £11 if the order is placed in person and £13 if by phone, mail or fax. You can write to the adoption unit at New Register

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House for information regarding adopted children and official documents. More details regarding the General Register Office for Scotland and birth, death and marriage certificates can be found at <http://www.gro-44scotland.gov.uk/famrec/bdm/index.html>

4. Applications for Birth, Death, Marriage and Adoption Certificates in Northern Ireland

The General Register Office (Northern Ireland) manages the records and documents related to births, deaths and marriages registered in Northern Ireland. Applications may be made in person at the General Register Office, in writing, over the phone, or via the online forms found at <http://www.groni.gov.uk/index.htm>. Correspondence should be addressed to the General Register Office Oxford House 49-55 Chichester Street BELFAST BT1 4HL and include the appropriate application found on the above website. Phone orders are taken at (028) 90252000. Visa and Mastercard are accepted forms of payment for all methods, along with cheques in sterling, British postal orders and cash for in-person requests. The fee for any certificate will be at least £10, and more for expedited service. General questions can be answered by visiting the website, calling the above number or emailing gro.nisra@dfpni.gov.uk

5. Divorce Records for England and Wales

If the applicant cannot remember, or does not have the information about the local County Court from where the divorce was granted, applications should be addressed to the Principal Registry of the Family Division, Divorce Registry, First Avenue House, 42-49 High Holborn, London WC1V 6NP, Telephone: 0207-936-6000 giving the case number, full names of both parties, date and place of divorce and date and place of marriage. Enclose an International Money Order IN STERLING and made payable to "H.M. Paymaster General" for the sum of £2.00 to receive a copy of the record. If the case number is not known and a search has been made the fee for the service is £20.00. If the record is not held in the Principal Divorce Registry, the registrar writes two letters; one to the applicant informing them of the appropriate court where the record is held, and the other to the court requesting that they make a record of the applicant's address urging them to contact the applicant.

5. Wills, Grants of Representation and other Probate Documents for England and Wales

For copies of wills and grants of representation, applications should be addressed to The Record Keeper, Probate Department, Principal Registry of the Family Division, First Avenue House, 42-49 High Holborn, London WC1V 6NP, Telephone: 0207-936-7022 stating the full name and address of the deceased and the date and place of death. An International Money Order IN STERLING for the sum of £5.00 and made payable to "H.M. Paymaster General" should be enclosed with the application. This includes the search fee. If a record is found, a certified copy of the record will be sent to you. If you require additional copies of the same document, an extra fee of 25 pence for each page of the record is charged.

Copies of probate documents can be obtained by writing to the York Probate Sub-Registry, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EA enclosing an International Money Order for £2.00 with your application. Additional copies of the same document will be charged at 25 pence for each page of the record.

6. Wills, Grants of Confirmation and other Confirmation Documents in Scotland

In Scotland the word for probate is confirmation. For applications from 1985, you should apply in writing only to the Commissary Clerk, H.M. Commissary Office, Sheriff Court House, 27 Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1LB, Telephone: 0131-225-2525, giving the deceased's full name and address of last residence, and date of death. An International Money Order IN STERLING for the sum of £6.00 and made payable to the "Sheriff Clerk Edinburgh" should be enclosed with the written application. This is merely a search fee and, if the record is found, the Commissary Clerk will send you an account giving the fees payable in order to receive certified copies of the documents.

For an application of a will, grant of confirmation and/or any other confirmation document PRIOR to 1985, please write or attend in person to The Scottish Record Office, 2 Princes Street, H.M. General Register House, Edinburgh EH1 3YY, Telephone: 0131 535-1352, supplying them with the full name and address of the deceased and the date of death. If they locate a record you will be advised with an estimate of cost in order to receive a copy.

SERVING LEGAL PAPERS AND PROCESS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

U.S. consular officers are prohibited by Federal regulations from serving legal process upon foreign nationals or companies, and are not allowed to appoint others to make such service.

We are required to serve certain forms of legal process, such as subpoenas and show-cause orders issued by Federal courts, upon U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States who are temporarily abroad, but we may do so only in the limited circumstances indicated by 28 USC 1783 and 1784 (see also Rule 45(e) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure).

Service of legal process in England & Wales may be accomplished in one of the following ways:

- Service by registered mail
- Service by an agent such as a solicitor or process server (see page 107).
- Service in accordance with the Hague Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil and Commercial Matters.

Service under the Hague Convention: The requesting attorney should obtain, IN DUPLICATE, the Hague Convention Request for Service forms from any U.S. Marshal's office. Both copies must be signed by either a court official or attorney. The full name and address of the person or corporation upon whom service is to be made must be entered on the forms. The address of the receiving authority is: The Senior Master, Queen's Bench Division, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL.

If the application forms have been completed by a court official, they should be forwarded, in duplicate, directly to the Senior Master, together with two copies of the documents to be served. If the application forms have been completed and signed by the requesting attorney, they should be forwarded to the U.S. Embassy, American Citizen Services, 24 Grosvenor Square, London W1A 2LQ, for onward transmission to the Senior Master's office. The Senior Master will not accept requests for service directly from an attorney in the United States.

On completion of the service, the executed request will be returned to the requesting attorney by the Senior Master's office. There is no charge for service under the Hague Convention.

LIST OF PROCESS SERVERS

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Cope & Partners Suite 53 26 Charing Cross Road London WC2H 0DH Tel: 020-7836-1981 Fax: 020-7836-9759 Contact: John Butcher	Finlays Bureau of Investigation (this agency is for corporate business only) FBI House 54 Church Road London SE19 2EU Tel: 020-8771-9511 Fax: 020-8771-7142 Contact: Roger Mann
Process Servers Limited 4 Marylebone High Street London W1M 3PA Tel: 020-7486-2626 Fax: 020-7935-4141 Contact: Peter Dalimore	Douglas Associates Limited 15 Mallows Green Road Manuden Nr. Bishops Stortford Herts CM23 1DG Tel/Fax: 012-7981-7449
David A. Kramer (Process Server/Legal Courier/Investigator) 40 Goodwyn Avenue London NW7 3RG Tel: 020-8201-1592 Fax: 020-8201-1609 Mobile: 078-1666-5575 Email: davidkramer@btconnect.com Website: www.davidkramer.co.uk	Savoy Legal Group 40 Goodwyn Avenue London NW7 3RG Tel: 020-8201-1592 Fax: 020-8201-1609 Email: savoylegal@btconnect.com

TRANSLATORS IN LONDON

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ARABIC TRANSLATIONS

All Languages

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Aradco House

132 Cleveland Street

London W1T 6AP

Tel: 020-7692-7700

Fax: 020-7692-7711

BERLITZ TRANSLATIONS SERVICES

All Languages

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Lincoln House

302 High Holborn

London WC1V 7JH

Tel: 020-7629-7360

Fax: 020-7611-9656

THE TOTAL TRANSLATION COMPANY

All Languages

Monday - Friday 9.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

75 Railway Street

Hertford SG14 1RP

Tel: 1992-532-700

Fax: 1992-532-799

ASSOCIATED TRANSLATORS

All Languages

Monday-Friday 9.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

MacMillan House

96 Kensington High St.

London W8 4SG

Tel: 020-7937-8247

1st TRANSLATION CO.

All Languages

Monday-Friday 9.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

211-212 Piccadilly

London W1J 9HF

Tel: 020-7629-2787

Fax: 020-7629-2797

CHANTERELLE TRANSLATIONS

French & Hebrew

Interpreting Services

3 Caledonian Road

London N1 9DX

Tel: 020-7278-8292

Fax: 020-7278-0504

SILVIA COBOS

Official Interpreter & Translator

Spanish/English/Spanish

20 Leigh Gardens

London NW10 5HP

Tel/Fax: 020-8969-9996

U.S. DRIVERS LICENSES

Driving licenses are state-issued documents in the U.S, and the Embassy cannot provide renewal or replacement documentation. You must contact the relevant state for information about reissuance. A list of links connecting to each state's Department of Transportation can be found at <http://www.statelocalgov.net/50states-public-works.cfm>.

ATM FRAUD IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

ATMs have become one of the most convenient and efficient ways for travelers in the United Kingdom to obtain local currency. Most machines accept American bank cards and will give you pounds while deducting dollars from your U.S. account, usually at a more favorable exchange rate than you would get for cash or traveler's checks. However, use of these machines is not without risk. ATM fraud in the United Kingdom has increased significantly over the past few years and is becoming more sophisticated, incorporating technologies to record surreptitiously customer ATM card and PIN information. In order to avoid being victimized, visitors should be aware of the types of ATM scam that can occur.

ATM fraud in the United Kingdom generally comes in three varieties: card-reading devices, card-trapping devices, and distraction schemes.

1. Card Reading Devices. Criminals alter the ATM itself by adding a skimming machine and a mini-camera to it. The first device, mounted on the card entry slot, reads the bar code on your card. The second records you as you enter your PIN. After you complete your transaction, receive your card, and walk away, someone else has your number and your access code. Usually, the perpetrators make a new card and use it to withdraw money from your account. The skimming devices are not always easy to spot, especially if you are unfamiliar with the look of UK ATMs.
2. Card-Trapping Devices. An alternative form of altering the ATM itself involves inserting a thin ribbon of x-ray tape into the card slot. The loop traps your card and makes it seem as though the bank has repossessed it. At this point, someone else, a purported "Good Samaritan," comes along and tells you that you can retrieve your card by re-entering your PIN code. He watches while you do so. After your card still refuses to emerge and you walk away from the ATM, the perpetrator removes the device and your card, which he then uses to withdraw money from your account.
3. Distraction Schemes. Distraction schemes do not rely on tampering with ATM machines themselves; instead, they involve interrupting you while you are withdrawing funds. Typically, there are two perpetrators, one who distracts you after you have entered your card and PIN, and another who grabs your money. The distractor may pretend to sell or give you a newspaper; place a £5 note at your feet and tell you that you dropped some money; ask you for a charitable donation; or whisper in your ear. Sometimes the distractors are children. The common element in all these ruses is that they occur after you have entered your card and your PIN and are no longer protected by the bank's security features.

In order to prevent becoming the victim of such scams:

- If possible, use ATMs located inside buildings or in bustling public places where it is difficult for criminals to tamper with the machines. Do not use machines in isolated areas or at night.
- Avoid ATMs where the card slots appear to have been mounted on the machine (see illustration). Card entry slots should be flush with the surface of the ATM or recessed from it. If you see a card entry slot that is raised above the machine, it should raise your suspicions and you should not use it.

- If you find it awkward to read the screen or enter your PIN, do not use the machine. It may have been altered. Legitimate displays are never mounted in front of ATMs. Anything that blocks or partially obscures a sign may house a camera.
- Guard your PIN, especially when entering it, by shielding the keypad with one of your hands.
- If possible, have a friend or partner accompany you while you make a withdrawal.
- If you are distracted at all during an ATM transaction, immediately press cancel and collect your card before responding to anyone who has accosted you.
- If a machine swallows your card, call the bank's toll-free number (usually posted on or near the ATM) and report it.
- Change your PIN from the original number given when you first got your card (this number is sometimes contained in the data on the magnetic strip and can be discovered by thieves who have stolen your card). Do not keep your account number and PIN together.

If in spite of such precautions you do find yourself the victim of ATM fraud, do the following:

- If you discover a card reader or card-trapping device, do not remove it. The criminals may be watching the location and will want to recover their equipment. Instead, call the police at 999.
- Call your bank to alert it that you have lost your card and to refuse all new withdrawals. This will be easier if you carry the bank's phone number with you on your trip.
- If someone whose behavior raises your suspicion approaches you at an ATM, do not challenge the person but keep track of the details and report the matter to the police as soon as possible.
- If you discover the fraud after you return to the United States, you can (and should) still file a police report in the United Kingdom. To do so, go to http://www.met.police.uk/reporting_crime/index.htm#online.

If you are in the United Kingdom, you also may call the U.S. Embassy in London at 020-7499-9000, or email us at SCSLondon@state.gov. Within the United States, you may call the Department of State's Office of Overseas Citizens Services at toll-free at 1-888-407-4747.

INTERNET FINANCIAL SCAMS

We receive phone calls every day from people who have been defrauded for hundreds and sometimes thousands of dollars by people they thought were their friends. Often, the friendship, and ultimately the deception, took place on the Internet.

Internet scams are attempts by con artists to convince you to send them money. These fraudulent schemes can include lotteries, on-line dating, inheritance, work permits, bank overpayments, or even make it appear that you are helping a friend in trouble.

All of these deceptions have one thing in common – you must pay money in advance. Sometimes you are asked to pay money to obtain something of value for yourself (e.g. a prize, a romantic relationship, more money); sometimes you are asked to pay money to help a friend in trouble – but you are always asked to pay some money. Sometimes the request for money comes within days, sometimes it comes within months – but there is always a request for money.

In some cases, those attempting to deceive you may even claim to be calling from a U.S. Embassy, where, they say, your partner, business associate, or friend is being detained pending payment of some type of fee. U.S. Embassies do NOT detain people.

Con artists can be very creative and very determined. Be skeptical. Do not send anyone money unless you are certain that it is a legitimate request – even if you think you know the person well because you have corresponded for several months over the Internet. It will be very difficult to recover your money if you are being deceived. For more information, please see the Department of State's brochure at http://travel.state.gov/pdf/international_financial_scams_brochure.pdf).

Signs of an Internet scam:

- The scammer and victim meet online, often through a dating or employment website, and may have never met in person.
- Photographs of the scammer show a very attractive person, and appear to have been taken at a professional modeling agency or photo studio
- The scammer's luck is incredibly bad – he/she is in a car crash, or arrested, or mugged, or beaten, or hospitalized. Close family members are dead or unable to assist. Sometimes, the scammer claims to have a young child overseas who is ill or hospitalized.
- The scammer claims to have been born and raised in the United States, but uses poor grammar indicative of a non-native English speaker.
- The scammer asks for money to get out of a bad situation or to provide a service.
- Although the scammer may claim to be in the United Kingdom, s/he may ask that the money be sent to an account in another country.

If you believe you are the victim of an Internet scam:

- Do not send money. Unfortunately, any money that you might already have sent will probably not be recoverable.
- Contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at: <http://www.ic3.gov/>. If the scam originated through a particular website, notify the administrators of that website.
- It is best to end all communication with the scammer immediately, rather than attempt resolution directly. If you feel threatened in any way, contact your local police at once.

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INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

The IRS office located within the Embassy provides over-the-counter assistance on a first-come, first-served basis. We do not take appointments. We cannot accept cash payments. We do not provide direct preparation of tax returns, but will assist with your specific questions. The nearest underground station is Bond Street on the Central and Jubilee lines ([please see our location guide for details](#)). Visitors to the IRS office must now queue in the American Citizen Services line. You will need photo ID for security purposes. Please do not bring mobile phones or electronic devices, such as Blackberries, iPods, or PDAs, as they are not allowed within the Embassy. You are also strongly advised to not bring large bags, such as backpacks or suitcases. Not following this advice will result in considerable delays at the security check point.

Internal Revenue Service
American Embassy
24 Grosvenor Square
London W1A 1AE
United Kingdom

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Operating Hours
Walk-In Enquiries
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
We are closed on all U.K. and U.S.
Public Holidays

Telephone Enquiries
Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Our telephone system provides some information through an automated attendant. Callers can choose to leave specific form or publication orders, obtain information on general filing requirements, obtain information regarding extensions of time to file and general office information.

You may also contact us via email at irs.london@irs.gov

NOTE: While we endeavor to answer correspondence as quickly as possible, during busy times we may not be able to reply immediately. Please do not resend your inquiry unless we have not responded within 30 days. Your cooperation is appreciated.

IRS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Which tax form should I use — Form 1040 or 1040NR?

Resident aliens and U.S. citizens must use Form 1040. Nonresident aliens must use Form 1040NR or 1040NR-EZ. The determining factor is whether your tax status is resident or nonresident alien. You may use the flowchart on our website to help determine your nonresident or resident alien status. http://london.usembassy.gov/irs/resident_alien_form.pdf

What exchange rate should I use when I convert my income to US dollars?

The 2007 average rate was \$2.0018 to £1 (see Unofficial Exchange Rates 1998/2007 for GBP and other foreign currencies to USD on our website).

<http://london.usembassy.gov/irs/irsxchg.htm>

What is the due date for filing tax returns?

For taxpayers living and working abroad, the filing deadline is extended automatically to June 16th for 2008. Note that the deadline for payment is not extended; to avoid penalties and interest, any anticipated balance due should have been paid to IRS on or before April 15th.

Overseas Taxpayers who cannot file by June 16 should file Form 4868 ("Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return") on or before that date. File the Form 4868 and check the box on line 8 if you need an additional 4 months to file your return, to October 15th. Copies of Form 4868 are available from the IRS website or the IRS office in the Embassy. A further extension is available. (To read more, see:

http://london.usembassy.gov/irs/extension_oct06.html)

Taxpayers filing their first overseas return may elect to file Form 2350 anytime before the due date of their return (including extensions) in order to meet residency requirements to exclude foreign income.

How should I file my return? Are foreign postmarks acceptable?

You may send your return either to our Austin Service Center or to our London office. If you bring your return in person to our London office, you may wish to bring a copy so that we can date stamp it as your record of timely filing. (We cannot provide copies for you.) Postmarks from any official postal system, foreign or domestic, are valid as a record of timely filing.

Austin Service Center (for individual tax forms)
Internal Revenue Service Center
Austin, Texas 73301-0215
U.S.A.

If requests are sent to the address given above, there are options for ensuring delivery through the Royal Mail:

- Track & Trace is a Royal Mail service that lets you check the status of a trackable item that you sent through the post.
- Airsure - these items are tracked abroad and you'll get confirmation of final delivery

What is the foreign earned income (FEI) exclusion?

Central to the tax rules for certain filers of US tax returns who live and work abroad is the ability to exclude up to \$85,700 of earned income annually. Earned income that may be

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excluded means wages, salaries, professional fees, and other compensation received for personal services performed in a foreign country. It does not include pensions, annuities, social security, interest, dividends, capital gains, or alimony. The exclusion is available to both spouses on a joint return assuming both persons meet the qualifications. More details are available on the FEI information page. (<http://london.usembassy.gov/irs/irsfeie.htm>)

If I am able to exclude all my income, why do I have to file?

A U.S. citizen or lawful resident alien is required to report worldwide income if you exceed the minimum filing requirements.

If your tax liability is zero there is no penalty for not filing, but you may risk eligibility for future exclusions or deductions by not filing a timely and accurate return.

Income filing requirements for dependent children are found at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/i1040gi.pdf> (PDF, see page 7).

Am I eligible to exclude the income from my Fulbright (or other teaching) grant under the FEI exclusion?

No. Because Fulbright grantees have no intention of remaining "indefinitely" outside the U.S., they do not meet the tax home test. Since the vast majority of grantees spend one school year or less abroad, they would be allowed to deduct certain expenses of being away from home as business expenses. It is essential to note that the allowed expenses are for the grantee only, and not the spouse and children who may accompany him or her. You may use the foreign per diem rates on the Department of State web site (<http://www.state.gov/m/a/als/prdm/>) to calculate the away from home expenses.

Who taxes my U.S. Social Security, the U.S. or the UK?

The U.S./UK tax treaty (Article 17, Paragraph 3) provides that United States Social Security payments, as long as they are reported for taxation to the United Kingdom Government, are not taxable in the United States. This rule applies to all United Kingdom residents, regardless of places of citizenship.

I am a U.S. citizen who moved to the U.K. several (or many) years ago and thought I did not have to file U.S. tax returns any longer. Now I have learned that information was incorrect. What do I do?

This is a common misunderstanding among Americans abroad, and should not create anxiety for those who find themselves in this situation. Generally, you should file returns for the past three years, taking the foreign earned income exclusion, the foreign tax credit, or both. It would be extremely unlikely that there would be any late penalties assessed, since penalties are computed as a percentage of tax owed, and only the rare taxpayer would actually owe tax in this situation.

You may contact us for prior year tax forms, or download them from the IRS web site. (<http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/lists/0,,id=97817,00.html>) To find older forms, enter the year required in the Search for... box on the top-left of the page. The search typically returns Forms and Publications for the year on which you will have searched.

My British employer did not give me a Form W-2. Is that a problem?

Not at all. W-2s are used primarily to verify Federal Income Tax Withheld from wages, which is not done by British employers. Therefore, it is not necessary to attach any wage statement other than Form W-2 to your U.S. tax return.

I am a U.S. citizen married to a nonresident alien. Can I claim an exemption for each of us?

Yes, provided the NRA spouse did not have any income from U.S. sources and he or she has been issued an ITIN (Individual Tax Identification Number).

Do I need an ITIN?

Generally, anyone who must file a U.S. tax return but does not qualify for a Social Security number must apply for an ITIN. The same requirement applies to anyone who will be claimed as an exemption on a U.S. return. Please note persons, other than your spouse, must be either a U.S. citizen or resident to be claimed as a dependent. If legally adopted by a U.S. citizen then he or she is considered a U.S. citizen. Please check the ITIN page for more details. (<http://london.usembassy.gov/irs/irsitin.htm>)

Can I claim my stepchildren as depends on my tax return?

If you are married to a nonresident alien who has children from a previous relationship, generally you may not claim them as your dependents. There are five dependency requirements that must be met, one of which is that the person must be a U.S. citizen or resident, or reside in Canada or Mexico for at least some part of the tax year. Since citizenship is conferred by adoption and not by marriage, your stepchild will not qualify as your dependent unless legally adopted.

I received a tax package, but I am not required to file. What should I do?

If you are neither a U.S. citizen nor a resident alien and you have less than \$3,400 income from the U.S. you do not need to file a tax return for 2007. You may, however, file a return if you had tax withheld and are due a refund.

The Internal Revenue Service sends tax packages to all taxpayers who filed returns the previous year (usually the same type of form filed in the past). However, if you are not required to file, do not send a form marked "nil" or with zeroes as entries; this will merely serve to keep you on the list to receive subsequent returns. You may discard the form; no IRS notification is necessary.

What is Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT)?

Over the years, legislative changes have created a number of avenues through which taxes can be avoided legally, most of which are available only to high-income taxpayers. In order to ensure that all taxpayers pay at least some income tax, Congress enacted the Alternative Minimum Tax.

Is There a Limit on AMT ?

From 2005 onwards, overseas taxpayers who offset their regular U.S. income tax with a substantial foreign tax credit may now also offset their AMT by 100% of their foreign taxes. Calculations can be extremely complex. AMT is computed using IRS Form 6251.

What is the maximum gift I can give without incurring a liability for gift tax?

Generally, a U.S. citizen or resident may give any one person up to \$12,000 in any year, with no limit on the number of persons. There is no requirement for the recipients to be related to the donor. If you give anyone more than \$12,000 in cash or property in any one year, you must file a gift tax return, IRS Form 709. See also IRS Publication 950 for more information.
(<http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/lists/0,,id=97819,00.html>)

A recipient of a gift does not incur a tax liability on the gift itself. However, if the recipient invests the gift, any subsequent earnings on that investment are subject to tax.

Can I file my state tax returns with the IRS in London?

IRS London does not have the resources to accept state tax returns or provide information regarding tax requirements of individual states. However, each state has its own website, URLs can be found listed at the Federation of Tax Administrators web site (<http://www.taxadmin.org/fta/link/forms.html>). You may request information and forms from the website or by mail or phone.

TAX PREPARATION SERVICES

This list is provided as a service to the public and does not constitute a recommendation by the U.S. Embassy. The Embassy cannot accept any responsibility for the professional ability or integrity of the persons whose names appear below. Fees are entirely a matter for agreement between the individual and the firm. It is not intended to be a complete list of tax preparation services. For additional companies, refer to the list of "Tax Consultants" in the Yellow Pages telephone directory. Further advice and information regarding certified accountants can be obtained by contacting the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, PO Box 433, The Chartered Accountants Hall, Moorgate Place, London EC2P 2BJ, Tel: 020-7920-8100, <http://www.icaew.co.uk/>.

Frank Hirth & Co. 8 Coldbath Square Rosebery Avenue London EC1R 5HL Tel: 010-7833-3500 Fax: 020-7833-2550	M.B. Associates 52 Bow Lane London EC4M 9ET Tel: 020-7236-0832 Fax: 020-7236-0848	MacCorkindale Alonso & Holton 13 Harley Street London W1G 9QG Tel: 020-7636-1888 Fax: 020-76636-2888
Michael Ellis, EA MBA MST Licensed To Practice Before The IRS US/UK Expatriate Tax Specialist Email: H&RBlockUK@mellis.plus.com Phone/Fax: 020-8314-0382	American Tax International Inc. 40 Hendon Lane London N3 1TT Tel: 08000 851 537 Fax: 020-8371-9677	Laurence Cook London Business School Regents Park London NW1 4SA 078-2436-3651
US Tax & Financial Services Magdalen House 136 Tooley Street London SE21 2TU Tel: 020-7357-8220 Fax: 020-7357-8225		

Tax forms are available from the Internal Revenue Service (www.irs.gov), American Embassy, 24 Grosvenor Square, London W1A 1AE telephone: 020-7894-0477, <http://london.usembassy.gov/irs/index.htm>.

DRIVING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

The British Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) in Swansea, SA7 0EE, telephone 087-0240-0009, has provided the Embassy with the following information concerning the use of American driving licenses in Great Britain:

1. A U.S. citizen who normally resides in the United States and is visiting or temporarily residing in the United Kingdom may drive by virtue of his/her valid American license for a period of one year from the date of his/her last entry into the United Kingdom. After this period has expired, he/she must be in possession of a British license.
2. A U.S. citizen residing in the United Kingdom may drive by virtue of his/her valid American license for a period of one year. After this period has expired, he/she must be in possession of a British license.
3. A U.S. citizen who does not possess a British license after the one-year “grace period” has expired must obtain a British provisional license, display “L” learner plates, and drive with a qualified British driving license holder at all times until such time as he/she passes the British driving test.
4. Since there is a delay of several months between applying for a British test and taking the test, all U.S. citizens who intend to remain in the United Kingdom for more than one year are urged to make an application for a British test as soon as possible after arrival here. Information and forms (D-1) may be obtained from any Post Office, Traffic Area Office, Vehicle Registration Office, or DVLA.
5. An International Driving Permit can be used as a substitute for an American driving license for up to one year only. According to the Traffic Legislation Department of the Police, this provision is made under the International Circulation Order, which means that in order for the license to have been issued, a full and current driving license had to have been produced to acquire it.
6. A lost or expired American license can be replaced only by the state that issued it. Contact your state’s Department of Motor Vehicles for details. The best source of up-to-date information can be found at www.firstgov.gov; for your search, enter your state and the phrase “drivers license.” Many states will allow you to apply for a renewal online. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can request a list of state licensing authorities from the Embassy.

ROAD SAFETY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND GIBRALTAR

While in a foreign country, even one as familiar and accessible as the United Kingdom, U.S. citizens may encounter road conditions that differ significantly from those in the United States. The information below concerning the United Kingdom is provided for general reference only, and may not be totally accurate in a particular location or circumstance.

- Safety of public transportation: excellent
- Urban road conditions/maintenance: excellent
- Rural road conditions/maintenance: excellent
- Availability of roadside assistance: excellent

Driving Conditions: Most visitors to the United Kingdom are already aware that driving is on the left and the steering wheel is on the right. However, few are truly prepared for the narrowness of the roads, the speed at which cars travel them, and the number of cars on the road. The new European Community, the Channel Tunnel, and a booming economy have combined to make driving in the United Kingdom a challenge.

There are more cars on the road, and recent arrivals and tourists drive many of them. Driving lanes are much narrower than in the United States and 60 mph, the posted speed limit for single carriageways (what Americans would call a divided highway), will seem much faster than it does in New York or Los Angeles.

The 30 mph speed limit in built-up urban and suburban areas seems reasonable until you add parking in either direction on both sides of the already narrow road. In many areas, heavily traveled two-way streets are only one-car wide for most of the day. The authorities estimate that 70 percent of the motor vehicle accidents in the United Kingdom are caused by excessive speed.

Although roads are generally well maintained, road works are common and roads may be left in poor condition while work is ongoing. Safety barriers are sometimes not as visible or well-lighted as those used in the United States.

While roadside assistance and emergency response in the more populated areas is excellent (although in some cases not as fast as in the United States), rural roads can be quite deserted and help could be far away. Heavy rains and severe weather are common in the north and on the coastline, and some areas are prone to flooding. In the United Kingdom, "999" is the equivalent of the "911."

Traffic Regulations: Drivers must yield to emergency vehicles using flashing blue lights or sirens. It is customary for cars in both directions to pull over and slow or stop. Left turns at red lights (the equivalent of the United States "right on red") are not permitted. Traffic signals will go to red and yellow before turning green. Although it is not legal to move before the light shows green, traffic will start moving at this interim signal.

Seat Belts: Seat belts must be worn by the driver and passengers if the vehicle is fitted with them. It is against the law to carry an unrestrained child in the front seat of a vehicle. If

available, child safety seats must be used in both the front and rear seats. If violations occur, the driver is held responsible.

Driving License: A valid U.S. driver's license is required for short-term American visitors (see above). Those staying more than a year have just that period of time to obtain a UK driver's license. International driving permits are recognized, but are also only valid for one year.

Mobile Phones: Visitors to the United Kingdom will notice right away that nearly everyone is talking on a mobile phone; they do it on the street, at the grocery store, in shops and restaurants and, of course, in their cars. Mobile phones are great for families and business travelers overseas as well and can enhance your safety (they are available for rent at larger airports).

However, if you use a mobile phone while driving, be aware that the UK Highway Code says you must be in control of your vehicle at all times. If the phone causes you to lose control and results in accident or injury, you could be prosecuted. You should employ a headset or other "hands-free" device when using a mobile phone while driving.

Driving Offenses: Penalties for driving while intoxicated are stiff and Americans have been sentenced to prison in these cases. Refusing to submit to a breathalyzer or blood test is a separate violation of the road traffic act and will likely result in arrest. Penalties may also be assessed for any accident which involves injury or death.

Motorcycles & Scooters: Visiting motorists will also notice a high number of motorcycles and scooters on the roads, especially in larger cities. It is customary and even encouraged for drivers of motorcycles to weave in and out between cars, improving their position in the traffic. They may pass on the right or left, often at very high speed. Bicyclists are also common and are generally not allowed on the sidewalk, so you will share the road with them as well.

Pedestrians: Pedestrians have the right-of-way at all "zebra crossings," crosswalks designated by wide white lines painted on the road and flashing yellow lights, known as beleisha beacons. Unless otherwise indicated, traffic in the roundabouts (rotaries) has the right-of-way and moves in a clockwise direction.

When in doubt, yield. Otherwise, there is no standard right-of-way, from the left or the right. There are very few intersections with stop signs. If there is a solid white line across the road, stop. If the line is dashed, you must yield. If no indication is given, slow down and negotiate.

If you are on foot, remember that on two-way streets, traffic will approach you first from the right, not the left. The sidewalks at most crosswalks in larger cities indicate which way you should look. Pedestrians only have the right-of-way in the painted zebra crossings and at intersections with traffic signals when the walk indicator is flashing. Drivers generally do not give way to pedestrians.

Use of Headlights: The UK Highway Code says that flashing your headlights has the same purpose as sounding your horn to warn other drivers of your presence. However, be aware that drivers will also flash their lights to indicate that they are ceding the right-of-way or that they are taking it or to thank you for letting them pass. Their speed is usually a good indicator of whether or not they intend to yield. Proceed with caution.

Motor Coaches: With the increase in travel from the continent, there are many motor coaches on the roads. These very large busses operate a high speed and the drivers may not be familiar with left-hand side driving. If you are a passenger on a bus tour, speak to your tour operator about the driver's experience with UK driving. If you are driving, give them a wide berth.

Public Transport: Public transport in the United Kingdom is excellent and plentiful. However, for all the reasons listed above, it is also very popular and especially during the summer tourist season, very crowded.

The rail system is comprised of several private companies operating under UK Government supervision. During the fall of 2000, poor track conditions were thought to have contributed to derailments, however, repairs are underway and the system's overall safety record is excellent. Numerous private bus companies operate intercity services and airport shuttles.

Highway Code: The UK Road Traffic Act of 1988 requires observance of the Highway Code. The code booklet is prepared by the Driving Standards Agency (DSA) in conjunction with the Department of Environment Transport Regions (DETR). The DSA website is www.dsa.gov.uk. The code may be ordered on-line from Her Majesty's Stationary Office, at www.tso-online.co.uk, and can be purchased in the United Kingdom at many bookstores and news stands. If you are renting a car in the United Kingdom, your rental car agency may be able to provide a copy. Most rent cell phones as well. If you ask, they can also offer safety tips and other guidance to make your time on the road as uneventful as possible. The British Automobile Association (AA) also offers real-time traffic updates and other relevant information on the web at www.theaa.co.uk.

Final Note: British driving mannerisms can best be described as subtle. A nod of the head may mean proceed or thank you. They may appear to be deliberately looking in the other direction as they cut into traffic in front of you. Remain alert, drive at a safe speed, and remember to stay left!

INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMITS

Although many countries do not recognize U.S. driver's licenses, most countries accept an international driving permit (IDP). IDPs are honored in more than 150 countries outside the United States (see the American Automobile Association's application form for the list of countries.) They function as a legal identification document that translates U.S. driver's license information into 11 foreign languages. These licenses **are not intended to replace** valid U.S. state licenses, and should only be used as a supplement to a valid license. IDPs are **not** valid in an individual's country of residence.

Before departure, you can obtain an IDP from an automobile association authorized by the Department of State to issue these documents. Article 24 of the U.N. Convention on Road Traffic (1949) authorizes the Department of State to empower certain organizations to issue IDPs to those who hold valid U.S. driver's licenses. The Department has designated the American Automobile Association (AAA) and the American Automobile Touring Alliance (AATA) as the only authorized distributors of IDPs.

Many foreign countries require deposit of a customs duty or an equivalent bond for each tourist automobile entering its territory, and the motoring associations are equipped with the necessary facilities for expeditiously providing a standard bond document (Article 3 of the Convention). The Convention is not applicable to U.S. motorists using their cars in the United States.

How to Apply for an International Driving Permit

Before departure, you can obtain an IDP at a local office of one of the two automobile associations authorized by the Department of State: AAA and AATA, as noted above.

- AAA, 1000 AAA Drive, Heathrow, FL 32745-5063. The application is available on-line at www.aaa.com
- AATA, 1151 E. Hillsdale Blvd., Foster City, CA 94404, Tel: 800-622-2136; Fax: 650-294-7105; website www.nationalautoclub.com

To apply for an IDP, you must be at least age 18, and you will need to present two passport-size photographs and your valid U.S. license.

International Driving Permits Issued by Unauthorized Persons

The Department of State is aware that IDPs are being sold by persons not authorized to do so pursuant to the requirements of the U.N. Convention of 1949. Moreover, many of these IDPs are being sold for large sums of money, far greater than the sum charged by entities authorized by the Department of State. Consumers experiencing problems should contact their local office of the U.S. Postal Inspector, the Better Business Bureau, or their state or local Attorney General's office.

Auto Insurance

Car rental agencies overseas usually provide auto insurance, but in some countries, the required coverage is minimal. When renting a car overseas, consider purchasing insurance coverage that is at least equivalent to that which you carry at home. In general, your U.S. auto insurance does not cover you abroad. However, your policy may apply when you drive to

countries neighboring the United States. Check with your insurer to see if your policy covers you in Canada, Mexico, or other countries. Even if your policy is valid in one of these countries, it may not meet that country's minimum requirements. If you are under-insured for a particular country, auto insurance can usually be purchased on either side of the border.

DRIVING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS IN WESTERN EUROPE FOR AMERICAN LICENSE HOLDERS

This information is intended for tourists in Western Europe. Regulations may differ for persons working or residing abroad. Further information is available from the appropriate Embassy, Consulate, or Tourist Authority in the country you are visiting.

AUSTRIA Tel: 020-7235-3731* www.austria-tourism.at	International Driving Permit is required for car rental purposes.
BELGIUM Tel: 020-7470-3735/4* www.visitbelgium.com	International Driving Permit not required if staying less than 90 days in the country.
DENMARK Tel: 020-7333-0200* www.dt.dk	International Driving Permit not required.
FRANCE Tel: 020-7073-1200* http://us.franceguide.com	International Driving Permit is not required. See website for further information on required documentation, or ask car rental agency for details.
GERMANY Tel: 020-7824-1300 www.visits-to-germany.com	International Driving Permit is required. U.S. license accepted if accompanied by a German translation, certified at the German Embassy, 23 Belgrave Square, London SW1. Call 020-7824-1300 for further details
GREECE Tel: 020-7229-3850* www.greekembassy.org.uk	International Driving Permit is required.
ITALY Tel: 020-7312-2200* www.italiantourism.com/transp.html	International Driving Permit is required.
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND Tel: 0870-005-6725* www.Travelireland.org	International Driving Permit not required.
NETHERLANDS Tel: 020-7590-3200* www.netherlands-embassy.org	International Driving Permit not required.

NORWAY Tel: 020-7591-5500* www.visitnorway.com	International Driving Permit not required for visit of up to three months.
PORTUGAL Tel: 0870-005-6970* www.portugal.org	International Driving Permit not required.
SPAIN Tel: 020-7589-8989* www.okspain.org	International Driving Permit is required.
SWEDEN Tel: 020-7917-6400* www.gosweden.org	International Driving Permit not required.
SWITZERLAND Tel: 020-7616-6000* www.myswitzerland.com	International Driving Permit not required.
UNITED KINGDOM Tel: 087-0600-0371 (AA)	International Driving Permit not required.

FINDING MISSING PEOPLE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

The U.S. Embassy can assist in locating an American citizen in the United Kingdom in cases of parental child abduction or missing persons cases, when a friend or loved one has not arrived at a location on the scheduled date and time. The Embassy cannot help you trace your ancestry in the United Kingdom.

The following organizations also may of assistance. This list is provided as a service to the public and does not constitute a recommendation by the U.S. Embassy. The Embassy cannot accept any responsibility for the professional ability or integrity of the persons whose names appear below. Fees are entirely a matter for agreement between the individual and the organization.

Missing Persons

People go missing for various reasons, be it through personal choice, illness, stress, abduction, or foul play, as well as for drug- or alcohol-related reasons. If someone is missing and you believe they are at risk, the following organizations may be able to assist.

UK Police Service

Web: www.police.uk

The police service can undertake inquiries to trace persons whose whereabouts are unknown and there are concerns about their safety and welfare. Initial contact should be made with your local police station.

National Missing Persons Helpline

Tel. in UK: 0500-700-700; from overseas: 011-44-20-8392-4545

Web: www.missingpersons.org

National Missing Persons Helpline provides support and practical help for relatives of missing people, such as contacts who look for vulnerable missing people on the streets, publicity/TV and print media if desired, checking names on a national computerized register of missing people, and an image-enhancing "age progression" computer program designed to update photographs.

Reunite

P.O. Box 7124, Leicester LE1 7XX

Advice line: 011-6255-6234, Tel: 011-6255-5345, Fax: 011-6255-6370

Email: reunite@dircon.co.uk

Reunite provides advice to parents involved in international custody disputes and parental abduction. Reunite advises both the left-behind parent and the parent with the child(ren).

Red Cross UK

London branch: 10th Floor, Westminster Tower, 3 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SP

Tel: 020-7793-3360, Fax: 020-7793-3361

Web: <http://www.redcross.org.uk>

The Red Cross offers a tracing and communication service to families who have been separated due to war or natural disaster. You may locate your local Red Cross office at the above website.

Association of British Investigators

27 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1N 3XX

Tel in UK: 087-1474-0006; from overseas: 011-44-20-7262-9586

Email: info@theabi.org.uk

Web: <http://www.theabi.org.uk/>

The Association of British Investigators maintains a list of professional, private investigators to conduct searches on behalf of individuals.

Adoptions/Separated Family

Family members sometimes lose touch with one another in non-emergency situations, including adoption, divorce, and out-of-wedlock births. These organizations can help find family when the sought person is not considered at-risk. If you are in the United Kingdom and know in which town or city the missing person may reside, call directory assistance on 192 quoting the person's surname to see if they are listed and have a telephone number.

International Social Services (ISS)

Cranmer House, 39 Brixton Road, London SW9 6DD

Tel: 020-7735-8941

ISS is a professional social work agency, which has a department specializing in tracing relatives in other countries. ISS can help in the following situations:

- Where there has been adoption and a search is needed to find the birth parents.
- Where the child was brought up by one parent only and is now (as an adult) seeking to re-establish contact with the other parent, or when a parent has lost contact with a child.
- Where there has been disruption in the family leading to separation or divorce.

ISS cannot trace friends or assist in cases where child support is the prime concern.

There is a charge for the service.

NORCAP

112 Church Road, Wheatley, Oxfordshire OX33 1LU

Phone: 018-6587-5000

Web: www.norcap.org.uk

NORCAP assists adult children or parents who wish to locate natural families.

The Salvation Army

101 Newington Causeway, London SE1 6BN

Tel: 020-7367-4747

Web: www.salvationarmy.org.uk/familytracing

The Salvation Army's Family Tracing Service assists families in locating missing adults. They do not provide location services for fathers of children born out of wedlock, non-relatives, adoption cases, or genealogy research.

Traceline

PO Box 106, Southport PR8 82WA

Tel: 015-1471-4811, Fax: 017-0456-3354

Traceline uses National Health Service records to help re-establish contact between family or same-sex friends who have lost touch. The records cover England and Wales. They also forward letters to sought person. Charges apply.

UK Prisoner Location Service

PO Box 2152, Birmingham B15 1SD

Email: prisoner.location.service@hmps.gsi.gov.uk

Fax: 012-1626-3474

The UK Prison Service can help you trace someone you believe is in prison custody. All inquiries must be in writing and include the full name of person you want to contact, any other names by which the person may have been known, date of birth, and reason for inquiry. If the person is in custody, your details will be passed to the person, and he or she will be asked to give consent for the disclosure of his or her whereabouts.

War Babes

15 Plough Ave, South Woodgate, Birmingham B32 3TQ

Phone: 012-1608-5108

War Babes assists children or parents locate natural families who were conceived during the war years.

Kith & Kin Research

Green Gables, Willow Grove, Fair Oak, Eastleigh, Hampshire SO50 7BJ

Phone: 023-8069-2421

Email: info@kithandkinresearch.com

Kith & Kin Research locates family members.

UK Army Records Office

Web: www.army.mod.uk/contacts/divisions/records.htm

The Army Records Office can trace British military personnel. The type of trace undertaken depends upon when the individual left military service and the military unit in which he/she served. Please visit the website for more information.

Genealogy

The following organizations specialize in researching family trees and do not actually locate missing people. We have selected a few major resources from the myriad genealogy services. For a more complete listing, please conduct an online search.

Family History Centres

www.familysearch.org

London center: Hyde Park Chapel, 64-68 Exhibition Road, London SW7 2PA

Phone: 020-7589-8561

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints maintains Family History Centers where you can find census returns, wills, church records, etc., from most parts of the world. In addition, you may consult the International Genealogical Index and the Ancestral File, which contains millions of names, now searchable online. Your local center can be located online.

The Society of Genealogists

14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA

Tel: 020-7251-8799

Web: www.sog.org.uk

The Society of Genealogists maintains an extensive collection of family histories, civil registration, census material, etc.

Achievements of Canterbury

79-82 Northgate, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1BA

Tel in UK 012-2746-2618

Web: www.achievements.co.uk

The National Archives

Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU

Tel: 020-8876-3444

Web: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>

The National Archives of England, Wales, and the United Kingdom has one of the largest archival collections in the world, spanning 1,000 years of British history, from Domesday Book of 1086 to government papers recently released. Family histories can be traced by searching the archives.

Family Records Centre

Email: webmaster@familyrecords.gov.uk

Web: <http://www.familyrecords.gov.uk>

An official UK Government website assisting those looking for family records.

The Association of Genealogists and Record Agents (AGRA)

Email: agra@agra.org.uk

Web: www.agra.org.uk

AGRA maintains a list of genealogists who will undertake family tree research for a fee.

Electoral Registers

Published annually by the Electoral Registration Officer of each local UK council, these records contain the name and address of each registered voter. Access to these registers differ, but is most often gained through libraries, post offices, council offices, and Citizen Advice Bureaus.

FINDING MISSING PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES

It is difficult to trace someone in the United States when their whereabouts are completely unknown, as there are no central records of names and addresses available to the public. For those trying to locate former colleagues, friends, or relatives, the following information may be of assistance. It is NOT possible to trace the whereabouts of persons through U.S. immigration channels. Records of the U.S. Government are protected by the Privacy Act and cannot be divulged to third parties.

This list is provided by the U.S. Embassy as a convenience to U.S. citizens. It is not meant to be a complete list of possible resources. The Embassy assumes no responsibility for the professional ability or integrity of the persons or facilities listed. Fees and services to be provided are a matter for agreement solely between the individual and the organization.

Tracing U.S. Military Personnel

Active Duty Military Personnel: The Embassy maintains no records on active or former members of the U.S. Armed Forces. Written requests for assistance in locating information on military personnel **currently serving** may be sent to the appropriate office listed below:

Air Force Worldwide Locator: HQ AFPC/DPDXIDL, 550 C Street W, Suite 50,
Randolph Air Force Base, TX 78150-4752, Tel: (210) 565-2660

Army Worldwide Locator: Commander, U.S. Army Enlisted Records & Evaluation Center, Attn: Locator, Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN 46249-5301

Navy Worldwide Locator: Naval Personnel Command, PERS 312F, 5720 Integrity Drive,
Millington, TN 38055-3120

Marine Corps Worldwide Locator: Commandant of the Marine Corps, HQ, USMC, Code
MMSB-10, Quantico, VA 22134-5030

Coast Guard Locator: Coast Guard Personnel Command (CGPC-adm-3), 2100 2nd Street
SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001

These offices may be able to provide a current address, and in some instances will attempt to forward correspondence to the individual's military base/unit. Correspondence for the missing service member can be enclosed, together with a brief letter of explanation, to the appropriate service locator. The letter to be forwarded should contain nothing of value and be in a plain, unsealed, unstamped envelope bearing only the individual's grade, full name, and, if possible, military serial number. Please ensure that your name and return address, including country, is clearly indicated on the top left hand corner of the envelope. A nominal fee may be charged for this service.

Former Military Personnel: The Embassy maintains no records on active or former members of the U.S. Armed Forces. All official military personnel files of discharged and deceased veterans are kept in the United States at the National Personnel Records Center (NRPC). Requests for information on former service members must be directed, in writing, to that agency. You should mark your letter for the attention of Mr. Charles Pellegrini and mark it "Do not open in the Mail Room." A form requesting a record search will be mailed to you. When

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completing the form, provide the full name, including middle initials, details of military service, and the former service member's serial (or Social Security) number, if known. Send your request to: National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132-5100; Tel: 314-801-0800.

A brief notice placed in military and related magazines reaches a wide audience and may well come to the attention of the individual you are looking for, or a former member of the same unit. As well as individual veterans' associations' publications, letters are published in the following large-circulation newspapers and magazines:

Army/Navy/Air Force Times: Locator Service, 6883 Commercial Drive, Springfield, VA 22159-0500

Air Force Magazine: Bulletin Board, 1501 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22209-1198

American Legion Magazine: 700 N Pennsylvania Street, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206

The Retired Officer Magazine: 201 N Washington Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314-2539

Tracing Missing Persons via U.S. Government Agencies

The Social Security Administration (SSA) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will attempt to forward correspondence to missing persons, but only when a considerable monetary or strong humanitarian consideration is involved. You should send a letter intended for the missing person, along with a brief letter of explanation, to the appropriate agency. The letter to be forwarded should contain nothing of value and be in a plain, unsealed, unstamped envelope bearing only the person's name and Social Security/military serial number. If this number is not known, you should include any other identifying information, such as full name, date and place of birth, and parents' names. The addresses are:

Social Security Administration	Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of Public Inquiries	810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Windsor Park Building	Washington, DC 20420
6401 Security Blvd.	Tel: 1-800-273-TALK
Baltimore, MD 21235	
Tel: 800-772-1213	

SSA charges a \$3.00 fee; an International Money Order in dollars should be enclosed and made payable to the Social Security Administration. SSA is unable to report whether or not the letter is actually delivered.

Other Government Resources

If you know the original address of the individual you are seeking, you can pursue local sources of information, such as the state Office of Vital Records; high school reunion organizers and college alumni associations; the Adjutant General's Office in the person's home state for data on state personnel who served in World War II, Korea, or Vietnam; county and state Veteran's Administration Offices; local posts of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and American Veterans of World War II; the county Probate Office for a will or Letters of Administration for the person if he or she possessed property in the county and is now

deceased; local newspapers, for articles, obituaries, death notices, etc; and the state Office of Vital Statistics.

Private Organizations

Private organizations also can provide guidance to assist people in tracing relatives and friends.

TRACE (Transatlantic Children's Enterprise), Norma Jean Clarke-McCloud, Heron's Flight, 1H Bycullah Road, Enfield EN2 8EE (Send SAE), <http://freespace.virgin.net/j.munro/trace.htm>

Kith & Kin Tracing, Richard J. Constable, Green Gables, Willow Grove, Fair Oak, Eastleigh, Hants SO5 7BJ, Tel: 023-8069-2421

Ariel Bruce Associates, Independent Social Workers, 24 Stanley Street, Southsea, Hampshire PO5 2DS, Tel: 023-9261-4583

War Babes, Mrs. Shirley McGlade, 15 Plough Avenue, South Woodgate, Birmingham B32 3TQ, Tel: 012-1608-5108 (Send SAE)

Religious Organizations

Some religious organizations can also assist in tracing missing persons, such as:

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: At Family History Centers in both the United Kingdom and the United States, usually located within Latter-Day Saint churches, you can find, or obtain, census returns, wills, church records, etc., from most parts of the world. In addition, you can consult the [International Genealogical Index \(IGI\)](#) and the [Ancestral File](#). The IGI is a worldwide index of approximately 187 million names of deceased persons. This index does not contain records of living persons. The Ancestral File contains genealogical data on millions of individuals from many countries, including information on names, dates and places of birth, marriages, and deaths. For a full list of Family History Centers, contact: The Family History Library, 35 North West Temple St., Salt Lake City, Utah 84150; Tel: 801-240-2584.

Humanitarian Organizations

The following organizations may be able to assist in cases of sufficiently compelling humanitarian need and where the missing person is a close relative:

British Red Cross, Tracing & Messages Section, International Welfare Department, 9 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1X 7EJ, Tel: 084-4871-1111

Salvation Army HQ, Family Tracing Service, 101 Newington Causeway, London SE1 6BN, Tel: 020-7367-4500, family.tracing@salvationarmy.org.uk

Adoptees Liberty Movement, P.O. Box 85, Denville, NJ 07834, email: <http://www.almasociety.org/>

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST THEFT

Many visitors to London have their pockets picked, purses snatched, or valuables stolen by thieves who frequent rail and underground stations, major shopping streets, restaurants, department stores, and other crowded areas. Thousands of Americans visit the Embassy each to replace stolen passports. You can reduce the possibility of this happening to you by taking the following precautions.

- Do not leave luggage or handbags unattended anytime, anywhere, particularly in rail and tube stations, restaurants, hotel lobbies, and airport terminals.
- Do not carry with you more money than you are likely to need when shopping or sightseeing. Leave valuable items, such as passports, airline tickets, jewelry, credit cards, and cash not immediately needed, in your hotel safe.
- Items of sentimental value, such as family photographs, and difficult-to-replace items, such as driver's licenses, Social Security cards, and address books, should also be left at your hotel or another safe place.
- It is best to leave your passport in the hotel safe. It need not be carried unless you are going to cash traveler's checks. Then it should be kept separately from your wallet or handbag. This may not be feasible for women, but men, whose passports are sometimes lost when a wife's handbag is snatched, should carry their passports in a front trouser or jacket pocket. Thieves are seldom interested in passports alone.
- Purses or handbags should be kept securely fastened, and shoulder bags should be held against the body. Wallets should be carried in a front trouser pocket. Consider using a money belt.
- Women's handbags are particularly at risk in crowded restaurants when placed on the floor next to the chair or under the table, or when hung over the back of a chair. Thieves are quite adept at removing these bags if you are not actually holding them, or if you have left them behind while visiting the buffet or salad bar.
- Don't leave purses and handbags, or men's jackets containing wallets, unguarded while making purchases or trying on clothing in stores. A moment's carelessness is all that a thief requires.
- Do not leave baggage or other valuable items in an unguarded car at any time, and certainly never at night. A locked car trunk can easily be broken into and often is.

GENERAL ADVICE FOR ALL TRAVELERS

- Safeguard your money by buying traveler's checks. Do not cash them all at once; that defeats the purpose of purchasing them at all. Only cash as much as you need for the foreseeable future, and keep a record of the check numbers you have used.
- Most traveler's check companies ask to see the purchase receipt if you file a refund claim. Keep the receipt separately, NOT in the same wallet, handbag, or purse as the checks themselves.
- Whenever possible, leave valuable items such as jewelry, traveler's checks, credit cards, airline tickets, and cash not immediately required in the hotel safe. Remember to obtain a receipt for the property you have deposited.
- Leave a list of your passport, credit card, and traveler's check numbers with a friend or relative whom you can contact easily in an emergency.
- Take out travel insurance to cover the expense incurred by loss or theft of your belongings overseas. Carry details of the policy with you and leave a copy with a friend or relative.
- Do not leave baggage in an unguarded car at any time.

REGISTERING WITH A U.S. EMBASSY

In 2004 the State Department launch a secure online travel registration website which will allow you, as an American citizen, to record foreign trip and residence information that the Department of Stat can use to communicate with you and assist you in case of an emergency.

U.S. Citizens around the world who travel or reside abroad can access the site either through a link on <http://travel.state.gov> or directly at <http://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs>. We invite you to register yourself and your family and get acquainted with travel registration. If you are already registered with this Embassy/Consulate, please re-register online to update your records.

What is Travel Registration?

Travel registration is a free service provided by the U.S. government to U.S. citizens who are traveling to, or living in, a foreign country. Registration allows you to record information about your upcoming trip abroad that the Department of State can use to assist you in case of an emergency. American residing abroad can also get routine information from the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Why should I register?

Millions of American travel abroad every year and encounter no difficulties. However, U.S. Embassies and consulates assist nearly 200,000 Americans each year who are victims of crime, accident, or illness, or whose family and friends need to contact them in an emergency. When an emergency happens, or if natural disaster, terrorism, or civil unrest strikes during your foreign travel, the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate can be your source of assistance and information. By registering your trip, you help the embassy or consulate locate you when you might need them the most. Registration is voluntary and costs nothing, but it should be a big part of your travel planning and security.

How can the embassy or consulate assist me while I am abroad?

U.S. consular officers assist Americans who encounter serious legal, medical, or financial difficulties. Although consular officers cannot act as your legal counsel or representative, they can provide the name of local attorneys and doctors, provide loans to destitute Americans, and provide information about dangerous conditions affecting your overseas travel or residence. Consular officers also perform non-emergency services, helping Americans with absentee voting, selective service registration, passports, and register American children born abroad. Most embassies and consulates have websites with more information.

Registration through this website is NOT considered proof of U.S. citizenship. If you apply for any American citizen services from the embassy or consulate while abroad, you will be asked by the consular staff to provide proof of U.S. citizenship, such as a U.S. passport or American birth certificate.

How will my information be used?

The Department of State and its overseas embassies and consulates request this information only to inform and assist American traveling or residing in foreign countries. All personal information you provide is secure and protected by the Privacy Act of 1974.

What if I am already living abroad?

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Register as a Long-Term Traveler. You then have the opportunity to provide information about your foreign residence, and you can opt to receive information from the nearest embassy or consulate. If you create a password, you can update your personal information on this website at any time.

If you have a residence or contact address in the U.S., use that address as your Personal information address, and your foreign residence as your Long-Term Trip address. If you do not have a U.S. residence or contact address, use your foreign residence as both your Personal information address and your Long-Term Trip address.

I just want information about the country I'm visiting.

You don't have to register to get travel information from the Department of State. A current listing of all Travel Warnings, Public Announcements, and Consular Information Sheets can be found at <http://travel.state.gov>. Find more information at your local U.S. Embassy or Consulate website.

Registration and Privacy

The Department of State is committed to ensuring that any personal information received by our overseas embassies and consulates pursuant to the registration process, whether in person or otherwise, is safeguarded against unauthorized disclosure. The data that you provide the Department of State is subject to the provisions of the Privacy Act (5 USC 552a). This means that the Department of State will not disclose the information you provide us in your registration application to any third parties unless you have first given us written authorization to do so, or unless the disclosure is otherwise permitted by the Privacy Act.

Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2715, and 22 U.S.C. 4802 (b).

Purpose: To notify U.S. citizens in the event of a disaster, emergency or other crisis, and for evacuation coordination.

The information solicited on this form may be made available as a routine use to appropriate agencies whether federal, state, local, or foreign, to assist the Department in the evacuation or provision of emergency service to U.S. citizens, or for law enforcement and administration purposes or pursuant to court order. The information is also made available to private U.S. citizens, known as wardens, designated by U.S. embassies to assist in communicating with the American community in an emergency. For a complete statement of the routine uses to which this information may be put, see the Prefatory Statement of Routine Uses and the listing of routine uses set forth in the systems description for Overseas Citizens Services Records (State-05), found at <http://foia.state.gov/issuances/priviss.asp>. Lastly, while the Department of State's internet site uses secure encryption to safeguard your privacy and therefore any unauthorized interception by third parties of the information you send via the internet is unlikely, please keep in mind that the Department of State is not responsible for any such interception.

USING TAXIS AND MINICABS IN LONDON

Taxis or “Black Cabs” (the ones with the light above the windshield) and their drivers undergo stringent tests, and are the *only* type of cab that can be legally hailed on the street.

Minicabs, on the other hand, cannot ply for hire and have to be called by you. Any vehicle which is not a Black Cab that is touting for business is probably not licensed and should not be used.

You can access 7,000 licensed “Black Cabs” using just one telephone number – 0871 871 8710. This taxi booking service combines all six of London’s radio taxi circuits, allowing you to telephone 24 hours a day if you need to “hail a cab.”

Alternatively, to find a licensed minicab, text “HOME” to 60835 on your mobile phone. This will get you the telephone number to two licensed minicab companies in the area. If you know in advance what time you will be leaving for home, you can pre-book your return journey.

Taxi/Minicab Safety Tips:

- Check for the official yellow sticker in the front and rear of the screens as proof that it is a licensed cab.
- Make sure that the minicab you ordered is the one that turns up. Ask the dispatcher for the name of the driver and the type of vehicle he/she will be driving. If it can’t be given at the time, ask the dispatcher his/her name so that you can ask the driver.
- Try to travel with a friend.
- Always sit in the back of the cab with your cell phone switched on. Limit your conversation to general topics, and not specifics about you.
- Always trust your instincts. If you are not happy, ask the driver to drop you off, preferably in a busy area. If the driver refuses, call 999 for the police.

The “Safe Travel at Night” partnership among the Metropolitan Police, Transport for London, and the Mayor of London maintains a website with additional information at <http://www.cabwise.com/>.

AMERICAN SCHOOLS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

The following schools offer the American curriculum. Further advice is available from the school itself or from the International Schools Directory, published by the European Council of International Schools (ECIS), 21B Lavant Street, Petersfield, Hampshire GU32 3EL, Tel: 017-3026-8244.

The American School in London - Not boarding. Day, Co-Ed, Kindergarten and Grades 1-12:

One Waverly Place
St. John's Wood
London NW8 0NP
Tel: 020-7449-1200
Fax: 020-7449-1350

THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Cobham American Community School - Pre-kindergarten school to Grade 12, Co-Ed, Day, and Boarding, ages 3-18:

Portsmouth Road
Heywood
Cobham
Surrey KT11 1BL
Tel: 019-3286-7251
Fax: 019-3286-9798

Woodlee American Community School - Pre-kindergarten to Grade 12, Day and Boarding, Co-Ed:

Woodlee
London Road
Egham
Surrey TW20 0HS
Tel: 017-8443-0800
Fax: 017-8443-0626

The Hillingdon Court American Community School - Day, Co-Ed, Pre-kindergarten to Grade 9:

108 Vine Lane
Hillingdon Court
Middlesex UB10 0BE
Tel: 018-9525-9771
Fax: 018-9581-0634

Marymount International School - Girls only, Day and Boarding, Grades 6-12:

George Road
Kingston-upon-Thames
Surrey KT2 7PE
Tel: 020-8949-0571
Fax: 020-8336-2485

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Schiller Academy – Day and Boarding, currently Grades 10-12:

Royal Waterloo House
51-55 Waterloo Road
London SE1 8TX
Tel: 020-7803-4745
Fax: 020-7620-1226

The Southbank International School (Hampstead and Kensington) - Co-Ed, Nursery-Grade 8/Early Childhood-Grade 12, Day only:

36-38 Kensington Park Road
London W11 3BU
Tel: 020-7243-3803
Fax: 020-7729-3784

TASIS The American School in England – Day and Boarding, Co-Ed; Nursery-Grade 12 (Day), Grades 9-12 (Boarding); IB Diploma in Grades 11 and 12; Summer Programs in June/July/August

Coldharbour Lane
Thorpe, Near Egham
Surrey TW20 8TE
Tel: 019-3256-5252
Fax: 019-3256-4644
Email: ukadmissions@tasis.com. Website: <http://www.tasis.com>

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AIU
Study Abroad Programs
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Hoffman Estates, IL 60195
Tel: 1-800-255-6839

American Institute for Foreign Study

37-38 Queen's Gate
London SW7 5HR
Tel: 020-7581-7300 (College and University program)

River Plaza
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Stamford, CT 06902
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The American University in London

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ABSENTEE VOTING FOR U.S. CITIZENS

The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) grants U.S. citizens overseas the right to vote in federal elections in the United States. Federal elections include primaries, as well as general and special elections for the President, Vice President, U.S. Senators, and U.S. Representatives to Congress. The UOCAVA applies only to federal elections. However, many states have enacted legislation whereby certain categories of citizens residing overseas can vote by absentee ballot for state or local officials. The same procedures for obtaining ballots are used for both local and federal elections.

The process is straightforward. You need to submit a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the voting officials in the appropriate state in the United States. Once they have received it and confirmed your registration, they will send you an absentee ballot which you will then fill out and return according to the instructions provided along with the ballot itself. The Embassy itself does not supply ballots nor can you vote there.

The appropriate state is the state of your "voting residence." A voting residence is the legal residence or domicile in which you could vote if you were present in that state. The rules for determining that state depend on your status overseas.

- Military and Merchant Marine members, and their spouses and dependents, may register to vote in the **domicile** (state) that the member claims as his or her residence.
- Civilian U.S. Government employees overseas, and their spouses and dependents, generally register in the state they claim as their **legal residence**.
- Overseas citizens (not affiliated with the U.S. Government) must vote in their **last state of residence** immediately prior to departure from the United States. This rule applies even if the voter no longer maintains any abode in that state nor has any intention of returning to it.
- American citizens who have never resided in the United States should apply to the state where their American citizen parent(s) last resided, although they should be aware that not all states will grant such a request. Please refer to the state instructions.

Step One: Obtaining the FPCA: You may obtain a FPCA in a number of different ways. You may print one from www.fvap.gov (the Federal Voting Assistance Program website); pick one up at any of the various voter registration events that occur in the United Kingdom during an election year; or send a request to the Embassy by Email or letter to: LondonVote@state.gov or U.S. Embassy, Special Consular Services, Voting Unit, 24 Grosvenor Square, W1A 1AE. If you request your form through the Embassy, please tell us the number of FPCAs you need and the state of your voting residence. Be sure to include a return address. Please note that American Samoa, Guam, and Ohio do not accept the online version of the FPCA.

Step Two: Completing the FPCA: The form comes with its own set of general instructions. If you request your FPCA from the Embassy, we will send you specific instructions for completing the form in accordance with your state's requirements. These are also available in the 2008-2009 Voting Assistance Guide, which you can find online at www.fvap.gov. The Voting Assistance Guide contains up-to-date requirements for voting in each state, including the dates of the elections and the deadlines for applying for your ballot. A good rule of thumb

is to apply at least 45 days before the election to ensure that you get your materials in time to send them back before election day.

- A few states require that the FPCA be notarized. If yours does, you may make an appointment to bring the form to the Embassy's American Citizen Services section where a consular officer will notarize it free of charge ([U.S. Embassy notary services information](#)). If you cannot appear before a consular officer, you may have your signature witnessed by a local solicitor or notary public (there will be a charge in that case). To find your nearest Notary Public, visit <http://www.thenotariessociety.org.uk>.

Step Three: Mailing the FPCA: After you have completed the FPCA, address it to the appropriate **city or county office** in the United States. The state instructions contain a list of addresses. If you choose to send the card through Royal Mail, you must affix international postage. If you drop the card off at the Embassy, we can send it through the U.S. postal system at no cost. If you are running up against a deadline, check the extract from the Voting Assistance Guide for your state to see if it allows you to fax your request. Keep in mind that you still have to send the FPCA by post; the fax enables you to beat a deadline but it cannot substitute for the signed original.

Step Four: Voting: If all goes well, your local state officials will register you and send you a ballot which you will fill out and return according to the instructions you are given. In some cases, local officials may need to contact you in order to confirm your prior residency in the state and your citizenship before they will send you a ballot. Thus it is important to provide accurate contact information on the FPCA and to explain any unusual circumstances in the space provided.

- If you have not received your ballot and your FPCA was mailed in time to be received by your local election official 30 days prior to the election, you may be eligible to use the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) to vote for federal offices (President/Vice President, Senator, and Representative). The FWAB may be used only for general elections and is a **backup** for voters who expect to be able to use the regular absentee ballot from their state or territory but who did not receive that ballot in time to vote and return it. The FWAB must be received by the local election official no later than the deadline for receipt of regular absentee ballots under state law. The FWAB is to be used to assist those voters who would be disenfranchised through no fault of their own, and is not designed as a replacement for the regular state ballot. You may obtain a FWAB from the Embassy via email or letter to: LondonVote@state.gov or U.S. Embassy, Special Consular Services, Voting Unit, 24 Grosvenor Square, W1A 1AE. If you receive your ballot after you have submitted the FWAB, you still must also submit the ballot. The ballot, and not the FWAB, will be counted.

Will I incur tax liability by registering to vote? Federal law provides that no tax liability may be imposed based on exercising your right to vote in federal elections, e.g., for President, Vice President, U.S. Senators, and U.S. Representatives to Congress. If you are a civilian U.S. citizen residing outside the United States and wish to avoid classifying yourself as a state resident for tax purposes, you should check "Other U.S. citizen residing outside United States" on the FPCA. You will normally receive a federal ballot only. If the state sends you a full ballot because it does not print a separate federal ballot, you may vote the full ballot without incurring a tax liability.

Note, however, that some applications for ballots or the ballots themselves will ask you whether you want to vote for state officials up for election, e.g. candidates for governor, state legislatures, etc. The law only covers federal officials. If you decide to vote for state officials, some states may find that your actions in registering to vote for state officials or actually voting for state officials will allow the particular state to consider voting as a factor in determining tax domicile. Before voting for state officials, consult the Voting Assistance Guide.

Denial of right to vote: Any person who believes that he or she has been wrongfully denied the right to vote should follow the procedures outlined in the Voting Assistance Guide. Alternatively, contact the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20520.

For questions or more information, please see the FVAP website at www.fvap.gov or contact the Embassy by email or letter to: LondonVote@state.gov or U.S. Embassy, Special Consular Services, Voting Unit, 24 Grosvenor Square, W1A 1AE